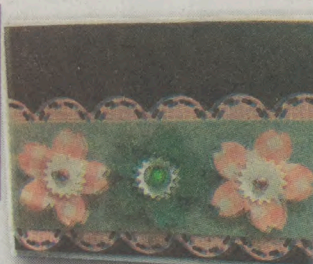




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Town Manager appoints Joseph McMahon as fire chief

WILMINGTON — Following the retirement of Fire Chief Rick McClellan back in January, Wilmington had been on the search for a new person to lead its fire department. This week, they found that man.

"After completion of a civil service assessment center and interviews with the top three candidates for the position of Fire Chief, I am pleased to announce my appointment of Joseph T. McMahon to the position of Fire Chief," said Town Manager Jeffrey Hull.

McMahon was hired by the town in 1982 as a firefighter and has served in many important roles since that time. In 1987, he was

appointed as a lieutenant serving in fire prevention. His responsibilities included both working with local businesses and involvement with the School Department to educate students about fire safety. In 1996, McMahon was appointed to serve as a shift lieutenant directing fire personnel to medical and fire emergencies in addition to conducting training and directing the inspection and testing of vehicles and equipment.

McMahon obtained an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from North Shore Community College, maintains his Emergency Medi-

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▲ Joseph McMahon, newly appointed WFD Chief.
(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Detox facility continues to raise concerns

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Public opinion continues to present a thorn in the side of those endeavoring to build a rehab facility at 362 Middlesex Ave.

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Feb. 14, Bettering LLC, the building group contracted for the planning and construction of the facility, was faced with questions from both the board and the public.

Mark Bobrowski, legal counsel for Bettering LLC, outlined the parameters of the plan as it stands currently. The proposed building will be a detox facility, which is a facility for those struggling with addiction to "dry out" before they enter a longer-term recovery center. The facility will serve short-term clients.

"It's not something that people are going to stay in

for six weeks or two months," Bobrowski assured the board.

Project Engineer Benjamin Osgood provided further specification on the physical manifestation of the facility.

"What we're trying to do is be as neighbor-friendly as we can, keep things as far removed from the neighbors as we can," said Osgood.

The facility will have two entrances, and a parking lot encircling the building. He pointed out that a 6-foot stockade fence would be placed between the facility and adjacent properties. The property line and the zoning line have been confirmed as being in the same location. A septic system will be placed behind the building, under the parking lot. Some of the landscape and structural aspects of the facility are subject to change,

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Dr. Glenn Brand chosen as new superintendent

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Dr. Glenn Brand will be the new Superintendent of Schools in Wilmington, pending successful contract negotiations.

On Feb. 14, less than 24

hours after the conclusion of the candidate interviews, the School Committee entered deliberations regarding the status of the applicants. Despite the narrow time window, most of the committee felt that the next step was clear.

"I think that Dr. Glenn Brand has the experience, he's got the wherewithal, he was wonderful during the visit," said Chairman Stephen Bjork.

"There are a lot of similarities and a lot of familiarities to me in his presence and his articulation, in the points that he covered that weren't directly questioned of him last night," added committee

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Gallagher finalist for Newburyport superintendent

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — While Wilmington voted in Dr. Glenn Brand to start in July as the next superintendent, current Assistant Superintendent Sean Gallagher is one of two candidates to be selected for Newburyport's superintendent. Current Superintendent of Schools Susan Viccaro is set to retire af-

ter five years in the position. Gallagher's interest in the superintendency began back in November, shortly after Viccaro announced her plans to retire. For this assistant superintendent, the position was intriguing because of the closeness it offers to his family in Salem.

"Having to balance career and family... it's really important to be closer to home and closer to my daughter[s]," he shared.

It's the kind of offer that

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Early Childhood Kindergarten registration

Wilmington Public Schools
Wilmington, MA 01887

Early Childhood Kindergarten registration

Children entering the Wilmington Public Schools, either Kindergarten or First Grade, must register during the Week of March 12-16, 2018

Wildwood Early Childhood Center
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Boutwell Early Childhood Center
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

If your child reaches age five on or before Aug. 31, 2018 he/she should register for kindergarten at this time.

If your child reaches age six on or before Aug. 31, 2018 he/she should register for First Grade at this time, if not already attending a Wilmington Public School Kindergarten program.

In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six prior to Aug. 31, 2018 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration:

- I. Original birth certificate with official seal
- II. Medical Information
 - a. Most recent physical exam information and immunizations record
- III. Proof of Residency (one of the following items)
 - a. Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
 - b. Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
 - c. Notarized Landlord/Owner of Property Affidavit (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Residency Statement/Affidavit")
 - d. Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement (provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment)
 - e. Section 8 Agreement
- IV. Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)
 - a. Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
 - b. Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used)
 - c. Occupancy Statement/Affidavit must be notarized if a bill can not be provided prior to student's enrollment (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Occupancy Statement/Affidavit")
- V. Proof of Identity (one of the following items)
 - a. Valid MA Driver's License
 - b. Valid MA Photo ID Card
 - c. Valid Passport
 - d. Other Government issued Photo ID

NOTE: Parents registering children for Kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in May, further information will be provided at the time of registration.

Also, screening is available to three and four year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three and four year olds wishing to have their child screened may also schedule an appointment during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.

*All of the above as well as multiple forms can be found on WPS website: www.wpsk12.com

Early Childhood Preschool Registration

Wilmington Public Schools
Wilmington, MA 01887

Early Childhood Preschool Registration

Locations:

Boutwell Early Childhood Center (978-694-6070)
Wildwood Early Childhood Center (978-694-6010)

Dates of Registration:

March 5, 6, 7, 8, 2018 (Monday -Thursday)

TIMES FOR REGISTRATION:

Boutwell Childhood Center	Wildwood Childhood Center
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM	12:45 PM to 2:15 PM

IF YOUR CHILD REACHES AGE (3) on or before August 31, 2018 he/she can register for Preschool

TUITION: Tuition for 2018-2019= \$2,800 or \$280 a month for 10 months (Half Day Program AM/PM)
\$6,000 or \$600 a month for 10 months (Full Day Program)

SCHEDULE:	BOUTWELL	WILDWOOD
AM session	8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	8:30 AM to 11 AM
PM session	11:05 AM to 1:35 PM	11:30 AM to 2 PM
Full day	8 AM to 1:15 PM	8:50 AM to 2:05 PM

The following items must be presented at the time of registration to be entered into the preschool lottery:

- I. Original birth certificate with official seal
- II. Medical Information:
 - a. Most recent physical examination information and immunizations record
- III. Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)
 - a. Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: Bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
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If your child's name is drawn, a \$25 registration fee (check or money order, no cash) will be due one week after the lottery is drawn. This fee will secure your child's enrollment in the preschool program. Please make checks payable to: Wilmington Preschool.

All of the above forms can be found on our WPS Website at www.wpsk12.com

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Library to host drop-in How-to Fair on March 10

By SHERYL WALSH
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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Library will host a How To Fair on Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. until noon. During the fair, 18 presenters will help patrons learn new hobbies and skills. There will be six stations set up throughout the library to support a series of 25-minute lessons.

Topics range from photography or how to prep walls for painting to hairstyling or how to maintain a fitness routine. Pre-registration is not required.

Danielle Ward, Marketing Librarian, explained they have held some single session How To events in the past such as How to Play the Ukulele, but they wanted to expand the program.

"I thought it would be fun to get involved with the maker movement on a larger scale," she said. "Everybody wants to create something; they feel like they



▲ Above, a group of participants in a Cookin' the Books event (Courtesy photo)

accomplished something."

With the different stations and concurrent presentations throughout the morning, there will be plenty of chances for all to participate.

"A lot of presenters are repeating so if you're torn between two sessions, one will probably be presented again," reported Ward. "You can go to one or many sessions, and it will be small

groups so there's a good opportunity to learn and ask questions."

25 different topics will be covered. The subjects include floral arranging, meditation, essential oils, running for public office, Facebook, photography, fitness, healthy diets, money management, hairstyling, chickens, home/house painting, dog training, pastries, real estate, and grocery shopping.

"We're really excited that so many people in the community and so many businesses are dedicating their time," said Ward. "It is a good way to establish connections among the community."

Most of the presenters are from Wilmington.

Visit wilmingtonlibrary.org for more information on the drop-in fair and the exact schedule of the day's event.

Daytime events for Boomers at the Wilmington Library

By CHARLOTTE WOOD
Assistant Library Director

The Boomer Generation, one of the most populous American demographics at over 70 million, includes many retirees looking for quality daytime programs and events. The Wilmington Memorial Library has responded to this need with a growing number of morning and afternoon offerings.

For music lovers, the library hosts a one-hour concert on the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Acts vary from solo artists to trios and cover a wide range of music genres from folk, blues, and jazz, to American standards.

March 15, in a nod to St. Patrick's Day, multi-instrumentalist, Jeff Snow, who plays the guitar, autoharp, and Celtic Bouzouki, will entertain with the music of Scotland, Ireland, and England, and the stories behind the songs.

The first Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. is reserved for lectures. On March 5, Suzanne Crooker, who has worked in the vegetable department at Mahoney's in Winchester for several years, will give a talk on Vegetable Gardening. It is the perfect time to begin planning your summer harvest.

In January, Library Director Tina Stewart began leading a daytime book discussion group titled "Well Read Wednesdays." The group

meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the library's small meeting room. The book selection for March 28 is *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett. Pick up a copy of the book at the library and join in the discussion.

If you enjoy cooking, consider attending the library's Cookin' the Books, which meets the first Tuesday of the month at 12 p.m. Facilitator Lisa Crispin selects a cookbook for each month and attendees each select a recipe or two to prepare and bring to the meeting. Everyone enjoys a wonderful lunch and talks about how their recipes worked.

Pick up a copy of *Flour* Too by Joanne Chang and come to the March 6 meeting.

In addition, the library hosts a morning needlework group that meets every Friday at 10 a.m. Anyone who does any type of needlework is welcome to bring their project and enjoy a little camaraderie and conversation.

Calling all crafters, a wool applique class is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. Registration begins Feb. 20 at the main desk, cost \$10.

A complete listing of library's spring events can be found in the spring events brochure and at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org. We encourage registration for most events. Register online or call the library at 978-658-2967.



▲ Wilmington Memorial Writers Group members Ralph D'Angelo and Helen Lee with Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall (Courtesy photo by Don Leard)

Townie writers take over Book Stew, too

WILMINGTON — All she wanted was to share her writing and to learn from other authors. What Barbara Alevras got was a volunteer gig as facilitator for the three Writers Groups at the Wil-

lington Memorial Library.

In the final episode of a two-parter, meet Barbara, and writers Helen Lee and Ralph D'Angelo, on the March episode of Book Stew on WCTV.

Please check out this new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wed-

nesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at noon. To watch online, use this link for the latest episode <http://wctv.org/book-stew/>

Instructions are also available at that link for finding and viewing any of the prior 53 Book Stew programs.

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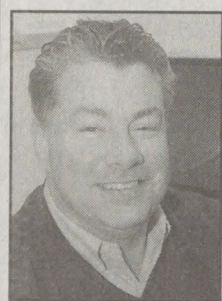
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Simplified Method: The second option, the Simplified Method, reduces the paperwork and recordkeeping burden for small businesses. The simplified method has a prescribed rate of \$5 a square foot for business use of the home. There is a maximum allowable deduction available based on up to 300 square feet. Choosing this option requires taxpayers to complete a short worksheet in the tax instructions and entering the result on the tax return. There is a special calculation for daycare providers. Self-employed individuals claim the home office deduction on Form 1040, Schedule C, Line 30; farmers claim it on Schedule F, Line 32 and eligible employees claim it on Schedule A, Line 21.

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WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

Some shorter notes to get you caught up... Last week, the Wilmington-



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Billericia Relay for Life team held its second annual Pizza War. It's a fundraiser to crown a pizza champion in those two communities and raise funds for their annual event, which is held in June. We've posted pictures on our Facebook page and we're also airing a short recap of the event on our channels.

Another fun community event was held last week at the Buzzell Senior Center. The Valentine's Day Luncheon is well-attended and members of the high school's youth Rotary Interact Club help serve the food. We've got a video and photo montage on TV and online. Thanks to Mark Ryan and Hayden Kane for putting it all together.

WCTV awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors who live in Wilmington. Preference is given to seniors seeking a degree in a communications-related field, although those who went through our youth program are also encouraged to apply. You can find the application at wctv.org.

The spring semester of our Saturday youth program starts up in a couple of weeks. The workshop runs about two Saturdays per month and goes for two hours each. The kids learn multimedia production skills and make a number of video projects over the course of 10 weeks in the studio. You can learn more at wctv.org/youth.

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch them at WCTV.org.

• WHS Boys Hockey vs. Shawsheen Tech (WCTV Education): Watch the boys team clinch a playoff berth with a big win on Monday night.

• WHS Girls Basketball vs. Watertown (WCTV Education): It was Senior Night at the High School last week, as the team gets ready for the playoffs!

• School Superintendent Search (WCTV Government): The School Committee has selected Glenn Brand as the new superintendent of Wilmington schools. You can watch his formal interview on TV and online to get a sense for who he is and why he wanted the job.

• Valentine's Day Luncheon (WCTV Public): See highlights from the annual event at Buzzell.

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.

History:

Louie and Dave's exploits in Mexico

By LARZ F. NEILSON

If you were driving from Boston to Lowell in the late 1920s, there was only one place to get gas — Louie's.

Louie Elfman opened a gas station in Wilmington about 1927, in a garage built by Mason Alexander. The building is still there, now known as Galante's, on Main Street between Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street.

Louie advertised "tank car" prices, on gasoline. To illustrate, the point, he bought two railroad tank cars and had them hoisted atop a small building. On the side, one of the tank cars said, "Louie's Range & Fuel Oil."

In 1934, six men from Boston came to Wilmington, but only five of them left town. The sixth, Louis Girgio, was found near a shack on Kelley's Hill, off Shawshus Avenue. Nearby, police found his watch. And following a line from the body, past the watch, led police to a cottage. In the cottage, there was a hangman's noose. Apparently Girgio had escaped



from the hangman, only to be shot.

Wilmington was not a terribly busy place in 1934, and people took note of strange cars in town. Officer Burt Frotton saw a brown sedan in Wilmington Square, and took down the license number.

Louie Elfman also wrote down the license number, when he sold gas to the men in that car. His number was one digit off from Burt's, but it was close enough.

With that information, Boston detectives were able to locate the car in East Boston. They burst into an apartment and found some of the murder suspects. One of the men boasted to his friends in an Italian dialect that cops had nothing on them, and couldn't understand what they were saying. One of the detectives spoke that same dialect, in which he told the men, "You're under arrest."

Louie also had an oil business. By the 1950s, it was the largest oil company in town. He had a fleet of a half-dozen trucks, painted baby blue and pink. Some of the

trucks were new, but most of them were pretty old. But they sure had impressive paint jobs.

In May 1952, Louie and his brother Dave went to the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City. Dave was a lawyer who became the town moderator. He also had a gas station, near Silver Lake, where AAA Tire is today. Capt. Larz Neilson had great fun writing up the exploits of Louie and Dave in the Wilmington Crusader. He appointed Louie as the Crusader's foreign correspondent, assigned to get a picture of the president of Mexico.

They set off in Louie's Cadillac. The Crusader on May 7 reported that the Rotary Club had generously donated no money for Louie's expenses, and twice as much for his brother Dave.

On the 14th, it was reported they had stopped in South Carolina to take care of Buddy Starr's car. Then they stopped at the Parris Island Marine base to see George Harnish, who was in the infirmary. They had trouble

getting in, until Louie told the Marine sentry he was a chaplain. He really was, too — chaplain of the American Legion Post 136 of Wilmington.

The next report came from Florida, where it was 96 degrees.

Then there was a week when no report was received. Capt. Larz wrote: "Louie, our foreign correspondent, has failed to notify us of his activities during the past week. We hope that he is busy on his assigned task of getting a picture of the president of Mexico, and we fear that he may have been kidnapped by a band of roving Kiwanians."

Two weeks later, they were home, and there was a report of their exploits in the Crusader. The only picture of the president was one of Louie standing next to a poster for a candidate for president. The write-up had several paragraphs about the cultural highlights, as taken in by Dave.

Louie, however, went out in search of local color. He was looking for someone who

spoke English when he found a Jewish Indian. Really, and the man even took Louie to the synagogue. It seems that during the Spanish Inquisition, a Jewish nobleman from Spain fled to Mexico, where he converted a tribe of Indians. And 500 years later, the tribe was still practicing Judaism.

One of the Jewish Indians guided Louie all around Mexico City, showing him the places that no tourist ever gets to see. He took him to the "Thieves Market," where you can get anything you want. If nobody has it, all you had to do was describe what you wanted, and pick it up the next day. Someone would go out and steal it to order.

Louie bought a police badge. When he and Dave got onto a bus, Dave paid his fare, but Louie just flashed his badge. It worked.

On the trip home, Louie took a 190-mile road through an area with no habitation. It was late at night, and Dave was asleep. All of a sudden, the road ended, and Louie's Cadillac ended up in a creek,

without a paddle. They had to decide whether to back up and retrace their route, or to cross the creek and keep going, which they did.

The report ended with: "If anyone should sight a Mexican sombrero, he will know that one of two persons is under it, either the town moderator or our foreign correspondent."

Louie added his sombrero to his hat collection, claiming that the straw hat had been worn by one of Pancho Villa's men in the Mexican revolution.

Louie's hat collection was incredible, with over 100 hats. Number 100 was a German army helmet, with a spike on top, given to him by a 30-year Army veteran who had fought in World War I. Louie also had a Japanese army helmet with two bullet holes in it.

The Crusader would also run short observations, titled, "Louie sez." Louie took off in the late 1950s, and there were stories of his being in Mexico, with \$90,000 from his oil business. He eventually died there.



The Tewksbury Beautification Committee is seeking volunteers to join its Adopt an Island program. Traffic islands in the community need to be spruced up, and with the help of volunteers, barren spaces can be "greened up" and maintained to beautify the town. Islands are maintained via a three year commitment simply by filling out an application available on the town's website. A sign and mulch will be provided, guidelines ask for plantings to be watered and weeded, and use compact plantings which not impede the view of drivers. Visit www.tewksbury-ma.gov and search for Adopt an Island to get started.

By RYAN LAROCHE
News Editor

WILMINGTON — Call it a marriage of convenience.

The parishes of the Wilmington Catholic Collaborative — St. Dorothy and St. Thomas of Villanova — have merged to form the Parish of the Transfiguration, according to a story published in *The Pilot*.

The merger, effective three weeks ago, allows the two churches to consolidate resources where they had once been separate. Both churches, still active, serve parishioners in Wilmington and Tewksbury.

Father Paul Soper, the Archdiocese of Boston's secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship, told *The Pilot* Father Phillip Early and his parishioners came up with the idea.

The parishioners had, according to *The Pilot* story,

St. Dorothy, St. Thomas

When two become one

"felt as though they really had become one parish with two churches, rather than two parishes with two churches."

Father Soper added, "they wanted their canonical structure to reflect that which they really had become."

The two churches began collaborating long before this merger became official, back in 2010, and four years before they joined the Wilmington Catholic Collaborative. At that time, Father Early became pastor of both parishes.

Father Soper told *The Pilot* how parishioners began to see themselves as one. The merger now allows for everything needed in a separate parish to be brought together under the Parish of the Transfiguration.

Speaking to *The Pilot* last week, Father Early remarked how Jesus always desires to bring people together, and this merger now allows him to fulfill that message, both geographically and culturally.

"We worked toward building one faith community and we achieved that even before this merger," he said, adding that he views the merger as more

of a "back room operation."

In the official statement describing the merger on the parish's website, additional motivations include "the need to have a single faith community, capable of more effectively sustaining itself, evangelizing and sharing the resources of the Catholic community in both Wilmington and South Tewksbury."

This is not the first merger in recent months, as two parishes in Salem merged to form Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish.

Andover High students hold sit-in to discuss gun violence

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

ANDOVER — Last Friday, at exactly 1:20 p.m., Andover High School students left their classrooms. They went together to the cafeteria, where Andover senior Charlotte Lowell started a conversation about gun violence in response to Wednesday's school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Sophomore Julia Toomey first heard of the idea for the sit-in from her close friend Lowell on Thursday afternoon. This came after a brief moment of silence organized by Andover High administration.

"I felt very upset after that moment," Toomey shared. "People were talking during [it]... it didn't seem to have phased anybody."

She felt that her school should have addressed the shooting in a more healthy and open way.

As part of a group message, Toomey learned the intent of the sit-in: for the school body to acknowledge that this shooting would not be glossed over. They could not accept the lack of recognition for this shooting just because it wasn't anything new for America. She was then able to start sharing the information with students who might be interested in participating in

the protest, which would take place at school on Friday.

Word began to spread about the sit-in all over social media.

"It was hard to not know about it," she continued.

It was Friday before the administration offered the cafeteria to hold their sit-in, which they renamed from calling it a walk out so that teachers knew that their students would be returning to class for 2. Toomey guesses that 1,000 students showed up.

With everyone sitting down, Lowell asked a number of questions to her fellow classmates: why they were there today, what they knew about guns, what they knew about gun violence. She asked what they thought the root of this epidemic was. They were invited to answer to the people seated around them.

"We didn't know much about guns except that they kill people," Toomey continued. "We knew that you could have a gun license in America before you could drink alcohol."

She said that the feeling of the room was that neither of these things were OK with them.

Lowell offered some insight into the problem, Toomey reported. She talked about how men are responsible for more heinous crimes involving

guns than women. She talked about how boys are having these outbreaks because society expects them to hold in their frustration instead of expressing it in healthy ways.

"We addressed how schools don't teach us enough about gun violence."

At the end of the sit-in, students came up to share for everyone why they were there and how they were feeling.

Toomey explained how the sit-in established an important example for other young people feeling similarly.

"I believe that having this passion at a young age will lead into something bigger when we're given the authority to express our opinions into laws."

She believed that the voices of students — those who are increasingly aware that they might not be safe in their schools — will inspire adults to help enact change.

The most important thing that she felt that the sit-in established in Andover was a sense of security.

"I think that that sense of security will make a huge difference within our towns."

She'd advise other towns to start establishing that security and safe atmosphere at their schools, so that students can feel valued and supported.

Wilmington Interim Superintendent Paul Ruggerio com-

mented that the Andover students and faculty have responded in concern and support.

"Neither [the high school principal] nor I have heard of anything planned in Wilmington," he said.

He assured residents that the safety of Wilmington students is always a top priority.

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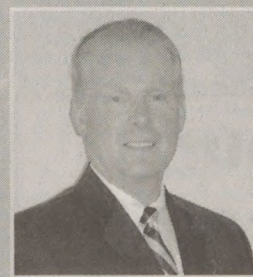
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Letters to the editor

Rep. Gordon helps seniors maintain quality of life

To the editor,
I am writing to thank State Representative Kenneth I. Gordon for his leadership on defending special needs pooled trusts against a recently-proposed MassHealth regulatory change. This will help seniors of his district covering Wilmington, Burlington and Bedford.

Rep. Gordon signed on to a letter to urge MassHealth to refrain from implementing the proposed regulation, which would prohibit thousands of disabled seniors, including veterans, age 65 and older, from transferring any funds to special needs pooled trusts to maintain their quality of life.

A total of 98 members of the House of Representatives signed the letter, which appears to have delayed and hopefully derailed MassHealth's implementation of this harmful proposed regulation.

What does this mean for local seniors? For many, special needs pooled trusts can help preserve their independence and their dignity. These disabled seniors are individuals with modest means who seek to set aside funds to pay for services and goods that are not covered by MassHealth. Health care and dental costs, companion services, transportation, clothing, and household and personal items, are among the examples of the types of important expenditures the trusts can cover.

Pooled Trusts can help disabled seniors preserve some

funds to help them remain in the community while still qualifying for MassHealth benefits. This presents a real savings to the Commonwealth (and taxpayers!) because home care costs MassHealth less than nursing home care.

Moreover, the state is reimbursed from the remaining trust balances upon the death of the senior. Indeed, the state currently receives roughly \$8 million each year from such remainder funds.

We cannot, however, rely solely on the MassHealth agency's discretion to refrain from implementing the proposed regulation. Legislation is the best protection to ensure that MassHealth does not overturn more than 23 years of allowing disabled seniors to use special needs pooled trusts.

For this reason, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (MassNAELA), on which I volunteer on the Board of Directors, helped draft pending legislation that would statutorily protect the rights of disabled seniors to fund special needs pooled trusts. A version of this legislation has already passed the Senate and is now before the House.

Thank you again Rep. Gordon for taking action to help protect local seniors.

Sincerely,
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Certified Elder Law Attorney
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Junior students:

Scoping out the proper school

By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

As springtime approaches, Tewksbury Memorial High School shifts its collective focus to the senior body of students who will be graduating and beginning to get their first taste of life beyond their hometown, and deservedly so.

TMHS's seniors have worked tirelessly for four years to arrive at this point, and that is absolutely a cause for celebration. However, it is important for underclassmen to not allow themselves to be swept up in the excitement of their peers' graduations, as regardless of how thrilling it may be, it is vital for students to place their own

needs first.

For junior students, the process of scouting, visiting, and selecting colleges should find itself at the top of their agendas, and as graduation season approaches for the seniors, the scouting process begins for their younger contemporaries.

For junior students, the process, as it has for the past few years, begins on Naviance.com, where students can search for colleges that meet specific desires of theirs. For example — if searching for a large local school that specializes in engineering, Naviance will likely suggest UMASS Lowell, along with a variety of other schools that meet your specified

requirements.

After narrowing down the list of universities that a student is interested in, said student should evaluate which of these schools he has sufficient means and desire to visit, and well, do so. Whether scheduling a tour for when classes are or are not in session, it really isn't of much importance. What students really should be looking for on these visits is the environment surrounding the campus, and whether or not they feel as if it will supplement their experience in a positive way, or in other words, students should try to see if they feel comfortable.

Perhaps most crucially, however, is that TMHS's staff, particularly the guid-

ance counselors, will be along for the ride every step of the way, providing assistance to students upon their request, and injecting their wisdom and knowledge into a situation whenever they see fit.

It all may seem like a bit too much to some students, but keep in mind, after the commencement of senior year, all the dominoes begin to fall into place. When next fall arrives, applications themselves will begin to become a priority, and at that point, the finish line is near.

So fret not, juniors, and do not be jealous when your older friends receive their cap and gown in May, because in a year's time, you will be in their very position.

Could this school be the right fit for you?
(Photo by Matt Fronduto)

Stillings, Whinery named to President's List at Western NE

SPRINGFIELD — Corey Stillings, of Wilmington and Brian Whinery, of Tewksbury, have been named to the President's List at Western New England University for the Fall Semester

of 2017. Stillings is working toward a degree in Accounting and Finance.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Peters named to Dean's List at University of Findlay

FINDLAY, OH — Melissa Peters, of Tewksbury, was named to the fall 2017 dean's list at the University of Findlay. To earn

this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Three make Dean's List at Norwich University

NORTHFIELD, VT — The following students from your readership area have been recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the fall 2017 semester:

- Christian Robert Kyle, Tewksbury
- Daniel Gerardo DeRosa,

Tewksbury
• Eric Robert Gallant, Tewksbury

Dean's List recipients are full-time undergraduate students at Norwich University who earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.0.

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Parkland, Florida school shooting, a tragedy with so many preventable solutions

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
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While my intent for this column was so very different for this week, the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, for a host of reasons, went to the top of the list in my thoughts that most school districts in this country have implemented strategies far beyond thought essential decades ago until the Columbine shooting.

Prevention efforts

School, police and fire officials have burned the midnight oil at discussing the types of skills and techniques needed to prevent episodes as the one that took place in Florida last week, including placing police (resource) officers in the schools, replacement with new locks on all school doors (inside and outside), the inclusion of many professional development training programs for staff in the school buildings over and over again, a process to have anyone entering a school to be identified and approved before entry plus many repeated drills with students on various techniques including automatic door locks so that lockdowns could occur in all classrooms to reduce this violence.

The skills and techniques of all local Town Crier police chiefs and officers are up to date with the most effective training as well as practice sessions run in schools in off-school hours to practice and plan any type of situation to the credit of local police and fire chiefs and NEMILAC officers, specifically. They are prepared and

ready but as they know there are so many twists and turns in each of the cases where this has occurred.

How can this not stop these shootings?

Many have a working or rough knowledge of what I just referenced but each and every case has their twists and turns.

The shooting was the work of a former student who allegedly was expelled, took place at the end of the day when often there are many things happening before departure and in my mind the pulling of a fire alarm in the building resulting in considerable added confusion.

So you had students who had clearly been taught the lockdown skills go into lockdown, while you had others going the opposite direction. On a fire alarm in schools students need to vacate the building and cannot enter until the local fire department officer-in-charge gives the OK. So you had the word getting out in iPhones of the shooting from students in the school, the victims encountering the shooter plus a community and school in total understandable upset.

Sources that I have read relate that the shooter had left his weapon somewhere inside or near the school and marched out with the students who had been instructed in their training to leave the school area with their hands up to show they had no weapon. Who would think the intruder would find a way to leave undetected as this young man did after his alleged killing of 17 victims.

What is next?

First, I am a huge supporter of mental health needs

and treatment and know we have too few sources for this assistance. I also realize big time that some of the errors in identification and passing on information went wrong but this does not take away the fact that this alleged shooter had possession of an assault weapon that is used to kill as needed in the military and law enforcement work. CLEARLY STATED, THESE SO CALLED ASSAULT WEAPONS HAVE NO PLACE OUTSIDE OF THESE MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS.

While I understand the use of guns for protection or hunting desires but these weapons should not be on the streets or homes of anyone else. As a former school

superintendent and a person who works with most superintendents in Massachusetts, our schools have been made as safe as possible with the assistance of local police and fire officials and other special agencies. The next step has to be around the laws on the production and licensing of assault weapons.

JUST A NOTE: The flu season is still with us and impacts many especially the young. If you have not had the flu vaccine, we advise you to do so. May the victims of this sad Florida shooting rest in peace. Thanks for taking the time to read this column and feel free to e-mail me at andrews@masssupt.org or follow me on twitter @paulandrewsmass

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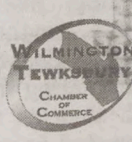
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Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association endorses compromise Safe Communities Act

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association (MMCC) as well as the members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA) Executive Committee and the MCOPA Legislative Committee unanimously endorsed a redraft of S.1305/H.3269, An Act to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents, commonly referred to as the Safe Communities Act. The bill's lead sponsors, State Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton) and State Representative Juana Matias (D-Lawrence) worked with key police chiefs to redraft the bill to address concerns from law enforcement, while limiting collaboration between law enforcement and ICE agents.

The Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security reported the bills to the Senate Committee on Rules and the House Committee on Rules, respectively, and State Sen. Eldridge and State Rep. Matias are currently working with their colleagues to get the redrafted language passed by the Massachusetts Legislature.

"From the day I filed this bill, I've said that it both strengthens public safety and protects our economy, by ensuring Massachusetts resources are not used to help deport hardworking undocumented immigrants," State Sen. Eldridge said. "This strong endorsement by our police chiefs underscores that, and I am eager to work with my colleagues in the legislature, as well as Governor Baker, to get this critical public safety bill signed into law."

"I'm proud to stand with Chief Brian Kyes, my colleagues, advocates, and our immigrant communities to

announce that we have reached full and unanimous endorsement of both the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association," said State Rep. Juana Matias. "From the onset of being one of the lead sponsors of the original legislation we have been working both tirelessly and collaboratively with Chief Brian Kyes to reach a compromise version of the Safe Communities Act that would balance the needs and concerns of local law enforcement and our immigrant communities. The revised version of the Safe Communities Act will enhance the ability of our local law enforcement officers to maintain public safety, build trust, and keep our communities safe. I thank Chief Brian Kyes, and all the brave men and women of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association for their commitment to safety of ALL Massachusetts residents."

"As committed law enforcement leaders dedicated to preserving the safety and security of our respective communities across this great Commonwealth, both the members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the members of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association are writing to express our support and endorsement of S.1305 titled an Act to Protect the Civil Rights and Safety of all Massachusetts Residents," the Police Chiefs Associations said in a statement provided to the bill's lead sponsors.

The redrafted bill would allow law enforcement to honor detainer requests by

ICE for up to six hours in cases where detainees have prior criminal convictions for serious violent offenses such as sexual assault, abuse or exploitation, drug trafficking, human trafficking, or domestic violence. It also allows law enforcement to honor detainer requests from ICE for up to six hours if a detainee is under arrest for terrorism charges as part of a Joint Terrorism Task Force. The redrafted language would also allow the Department of Corrections to notify ICE of the release date of inmates who serve time for serious violent offenses.

"The redraft of this bill now allows for what we view as a more effective balance of both building and improving trust in our respective communities while simultaneously enhancing public safety across the entire state. The modified version of this bill allows for a limited, yet effective, six-hour 'no-bail provision period' for those individuals arrested by local and state police who also have a conviction on their respective criminal records for certain violent offenses or who have been arrested for a terrorism related offense and who Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials (ICE) also have what is deemed to be an actionable interest in based on the confirmation of received biometric fingerprint data that was acquired by police during the administrative booking procedure for the offense for which the individual was initially arrested," the Police Chiefs Associations said.

"We believe that this newly modified bill is a commonsense, policy prudent, and safety-orientated approach to addressing the existing



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'gap' in the state of the current law in this Commonwealth that was created by way of the SJC's decision in Lunn," the Police Chiefs Associations said. "Without this bill, State and local police would remain unable to detain any arrestee for any period of time despite the issuance of a federal ICE detainer, even an individual with a demonstrated propensity for committing violence based on their history of prior or felony convictions on their record, to allow for the possibility of federal ICE agents to conduct an interview and possibly take the arrestee into federal custody if the circumstances were warranted. This important legislative change will absolutely enhance public safety in our respective communities by preventing dangerous individuals who meet the aforementioned criteria from being released back into our cities and towns to potentially reoffend and commit further acts of violence."

On July 24, 2017, in Lunn v. Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) unanimously ruled that Massachusetts law does not allow law enforcement officers to hold individuals based solely on detainer requests from ICE. The first-in-the-nation decision is applied to any law

enforcement officer acting under Massachusetts laws, and impacts existing collaborations between local law enforcement and ICE agents. The ruling does not, however, address or prohibit other forms of collaboration, such as formal 287 (g) agreements or informal notification about the whereabouts of undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts communities.

"The SJC ruling is significant, but legislative action is still necessary in order to protect hardworking undocumented immigrants from being caught up in President Donald Trump's mass deportation agenda," State Senator Eldridge said. "Whereas previous White House administrations focused ICE resources on convicted criminals, the Trump administration's policy targets all undocumented immigrants, including long-term, law-abiding members of our communities."

In a February, 2017 memo, Matthew Albence, ICE Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), stated, "Effective immediately, ERO officers will take enforcement action against all removable aliens encountered in the course of their duties." During a July 13, 2017 interview, Acting Director of ICE, Thomas Ho-

man, confirmed this policy when he said, "There's no population of alien that's off the table anymore and we've been waiting on that for a decade now."

During the first year of the Trump administration, arrests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers surged 40 percent, according to data provided by ICE. However, the biggest jump in arrests has been of immigrants with no criminal convictions. ICE made 37,734 noncriminal arrests in the government's 2017 fiscal year, more than double the number in the previous year.

The redrafted version of the Safe Communities Act would prohibit collaboration agreements that deputize local police and sheriffs. The bill would also bar state support for any Muslim registry, and ensure basic due process rights for immigrants who are detained in state and local facilities for civil violations.

"It is our collective hope that both the Senate and the House will act favorably on this important public safety legislation and submit it to the Governor for his astute review and consideration and ultimate signature to make this bill become law across our Commonwealth," the Police Chiefs Associations said.

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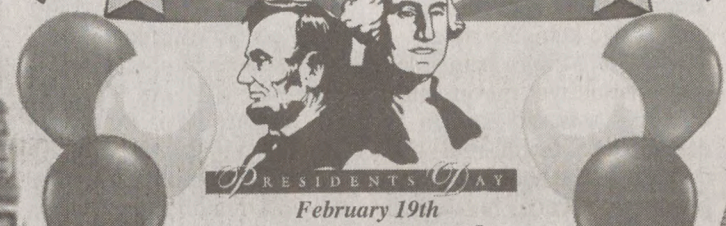
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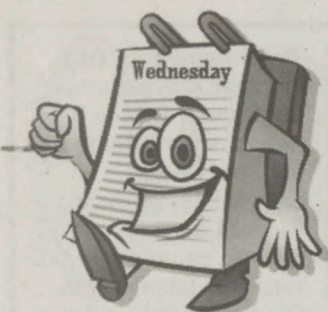
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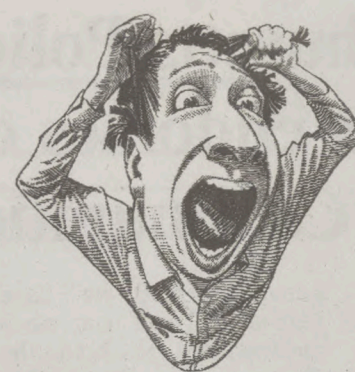
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Wilmington Calendar:

Sons of Italy presents a Motown Dance Party

Comedy Night

Friday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Billerica Elks on Webb Brook Road
Support the Shawsheen Tech Parent Advisory Council's All-Night Graduation Party. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring food for your table. Tickets are \$20 each, but you can buy a table of 10 by February 1 for only \$175. The check must be received by February 1 to take advantage of this discount. For more information, contact April at jahearts@aol.com or Taryn at tulip1147@comcast.net or 978-502-7684.

Wilmington Sons of Italy 13th Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Sunday, March 25, 2018
Knights of Columbus Hall
Two seatings are available: 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The donation is \$8.00 per person. Children 3 and under eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, waffles, hash brown patties, bacon, sausage, cereal, juice, milk, and coffee. All Proceeds will benefit the Wilmington Sons of Italy Charities. For tickets, contact Tara at 978-758-0405. Tickets must be purchased on or before March 17. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tewksbury Calendar:

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Saturday, April 28 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
VFW Hall, 87 Vernon Street in Tewksbury
The Wilmington Sons of Italy is presenting a Motown Dance Party on Saturday, April 28. Tickets cost \$15. All proceeds are to benefit Gifts of Love Diaper Drive for homeless shelters and food pantries. Anyone bringing a diaper donation will receive a door prize entry. Feel free to bring in food for your table. Contact Alicia at 978-758-0876 for tickets.

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each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Wilmington Knights of Columbus
The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting weekly cribbage matches. Games will be held

on Monday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring starting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The games are held in the member's lounge located in the lower level of the building and access is through the rear door. Admission is \$5 with most of that being returned to the first and second place finishers each week. This is an adult activity open to the readership of this newspaper as well as brother knights. The games are friendly head to head competitions and all skill levels are welcome. Adult beverages are available and the club has wide screen TVs to keep track of your favorite teams. For more information, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge

Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

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The classes are Mondays and Wednesdays for 8 weeks and the time of each class is from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. There is a half hour open mat time after each class.

\$25 of your registration fee is being donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Thank you for your contribution!!!

Call ATA Martial Arts Tewksbury for more details: 978-851-5771

Click this link to register and pay for the event: <http://member-site.net/?EV-MPXJw>

each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Winter Artist Exhibition: "Lowell: City of Shadow and Light," Photographs of Paul Richardson

On display at the Greater Lowell Community Foundation — Join us for the closing reception on Feb. 22 from 5-7:30 p.m.

Paul Richardson is a photographer from Lowell, Massachusetts, who has been working in the medium for many years. After graduating magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Comparative Literature, he went on to study at The Essex Photographic Workshop, and has exhibited locally in many venues, including the Whistler House in Lowell. He is al-

so a fiction writer, and his short stories have appeared in a number of publications including The Boston Globe Magazine, The Amherst Review, Descant, and Merrimack Valley Magazine. More of his photographic work can be seen at The Brush Art Gallery and Studios on Market Street, in historic downtown Lowell.

Call 978-970-1600 for more information about the exhibit at the Community Foundation.

Krav Maga

Krav Maga is the official hand-to-hand combat system of the Israeli Defense Forces. It's also the preferred system for U.S. Military and law enforcement personnel. Krav Maga is not a traditional martial art. No kata. No rituals.

Based on simple principles and instinctive movements, this reality-based system is designed to teach real self defense in the shortest possible time. Learn to defend against common chokes, grabs, and bear hugs, as well as weapons such as guns, knives, and sticks (gun, knife and stick defense covered at a later seminar).

Just as important, we teach people to function during the stress and shock of a sud-

Celebrate Red Cross month by giving blood in March

DEDHAM — During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood.

Since 1943, every U.S. president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world. Red Cross Month is a celebration of supporters, who are the face of the Red Cross in their communities and bring hope to people facing emergencies.

Blood donor Timothy Sheely knows the need firsthand. His wife required 12 units of blood during emergency surgery following the birth of their son. "If it had not been for blood donors, she might not have survived," he said. "Thanks to generous blood donors, I still have a wife and my kids still have their mom. I can't possibly thank

those people in person, but I can give a little piece of me back with each donation for the greater good."

The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those rely on blood products.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

BILLERICA

March 7: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Billerica Memorial HS, 35 River St.

BURLINGTON

March 6: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.,

American Legion

Burlington, 162 Winn St.

March 13: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.,

American Legion

Burlington, 162 Winn St.

LEXINGTON

March 10: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

Grace Chapel, Adult

Learning Center Building,

Room 105, 2 Militia Dr.

March 14: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.,

Knights of Columbus, 177

Bedford St.

LOWELL

March 12: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

University Of Massachu-

setts O'Leary Library, 61

Wilder St.

March 4: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

Chili's of Lowell, 26 Reiss Ave.

March 14: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

Middlesex Community

College, 33 Kearney Square

TWEEKSBURY

March 9: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

Tewksbury Hospital, 365

East St.

WINCHESTER

March 3: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

First Baptist Church of

Winchester, Sponsored by:

William Parkman Masonic

Lodge, 90 Mount Vernon St.

How to help

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate

blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Volunteers needed

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an

ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/deliver-blood.

About the American Red Cross
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

OBITUARIES

Vernon J. 'Jeff' Coville

Served in US Navy during Korean War

Vernon J. "Jeff" Coville, age 88, of Peabody, MA, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, MA, died peacefully on Feb. 14, 2018.

Jeff was born on June 16, 1929 in Medford, MA; he was the cherished son of the late Freeman L. and Sarah (Stockman) Coville. Jeff was raised in Malden and graduated from Malden High School.

Following graduation, Jeff enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Sept. 19, 1950 in Boston, MA. Jeff served on the USS Hambleton during the Korean War. After four years of dedicated service, Jeff was honorably discharged on July 15, 1954 and he returned home to his family.

Jeff married his "sweetheart", Elizabeth L. "Betty" Edgett on Jan. 24, 1953. The couple moved to Wilmington in May 1963, where they raised four wonderful children. Jeff was a very devoted father; he spent many years attending countless school and sporting events.

When Jeff became "Pappy" to his grandchildren and great-granddaughter his world became even more wonderful. Jeff and Betty treasured their role as grandparents; there wasn't anything they wouldn't do for their family.

Jeff worked hard to provide for his family; for many years he was a Testman for New England Telephone and watched the evolution of the communications field. Jeff was hard working and conscientious; he had a great personality and made many friends with his co-workers throughout the years.

Jeff was a "giver" of his time and his talents; he was very involved in the community and thoroughly loved to make people laugh. Jeff was involved in several organizations including the Wilmington Minutemen, the Masons, the Aleppo Shriners and the Wilmington Railroad.

Jeff was an original mem-

ber of the Masons and the Friendship Lodge; for many years he was very active in building ramps on houses for those in need. Jeff was always willing to go the extra mile and lend a helpful hand; he always took pride in the projects they completed.

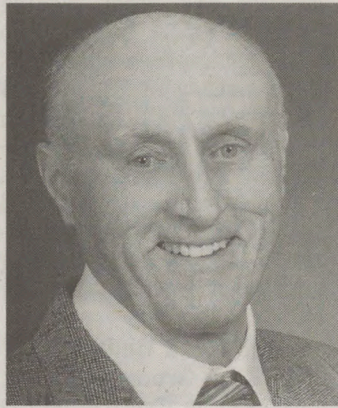
For many years, Jeff was an active member of the Wilmington Minutemen and took part in their annual walks to Concord for their reenactments. During the Bi-Centennial year, Jeff walked all the way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to take part in their Bi-Centennial parade and festivities.

Jeff was part of the Clown Unit for the Aleppo Shriners for many years; he is known as a hillbilly clown called "Slo-Poke," but was most famous for emulating "Stan Laurel" in "Laurel & Hardy." Jeff was part of many parades and circuses over the years including Wilmington's Memorial Day Parade; he enjoyed entertaining a crowd especially the children and he always looked forward to bringing joy to others and making people laugh.

Jeff was very proud of his affiliation with the Shriner's and for all the good work they do throughout the state and country; Jeff was especially proud of the Shriners Children's Hospitals and for the care and compassion they provide to children and their families in a time of need.

Jeff was an active parishioner at the Wilmington United Methodist Church where he attended services regularly and took his position as an usher for many years. Jeff made many friends in the church and he was always willing to help with church projects and fundraisers.

Jeff had many talents which included his famous woodworking. Jeff could conjure up any little gadget in his workshop and most certainly had every tool to make that happen. Jeff was known as a "Mr. Fix-It" and could



repair almost everything. Following retirement, Jeff took up playing billiards and was always up for a friendly competition with his family and friends.

Jeff will be remembered as a generous, caring person who devoted much of his time to his family, friends, and community. Jeff was truly "one of a kind" and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jeff was the beloved husband of Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Edgett) Coville, devoted father of Leslie A. Vachalek & husband David of St. Louis, MO, Roger E. Coville & wife Kelly of Columbus, OH, Karen L. Lefebvre & husband Mark of Westford, MA and the late Stephen L. Coville.

Loving "Pappy" of Daniel, Erica, Stanton, Cassandra, Ryan, Ashley, Andrew, and great-granddaughter Charlotte. Cherished son of the late Freeman L. and Sarah (Stockman) Coville, dear brother of the late Freeman L. Coville.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 2 - 5 p.m. Jeff's Funeral Service was held at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, on Monday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Vernon's memory may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children - Boston, Attn: Development Office, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

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Thomas A. Michaud

Served in US Coast Guard Reserves

Thomas A. Michaud, husband of Laura Sandsbury, son of Barbara (Michaud) Conrad of Tewksbury and the late Thomas E. Michaud died Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 after a prolonged illness.

Tom spent his entire childhood and early adult years in Wilmington, graduating from Wilmington High in 1977, before moving to Derry, NH where he and Laura lived over 30 years.

He retired from Avco/Textron in Wilmington in 2017 after working there for 37 years. He also served in the US Coast Guard Reserves for eight years.

He is survived by brother Michael Michaud of Seabrook, NH and sisters Marie Fischer of Richardson, TX and Lori Bednaz of Huntington, MA as well as dozens of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and in laws.

A gathering of his family

and friends will take place Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall behind St Thomas Church, 112 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington. All are welcome. Casual dress.

Tom especially loved eagles, falcons, Acadia National Park and the beauty of the natural world. In this spirit, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to the Audubon Society, www.audubon.org.

Norma J. 'Jean' (Andrews) Wiberg

Had a passion for cooking

Norma J. "Jean" (Andrews) Wiberg, age 85, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Feb. 15, 2018 at the Sawtelle Hospice House in Reading.

Jean was born on March 28, 1932 in Somerville, MA. She was raised and educated in Cambridge where she graduated from the then Cambridge High & Latin School in 1949.

Jean met Sven Joseph Wiberg at the Salvation Army in Cambridge as band mates. The first time she saw him she knew he was the one. They married in 1953. In 1960 they settled in Wilmington where they raised their four children in the historic Silas Buck House.

They cared for the house and tended a beautiful landscape with fruit trees and a large vegetable garden. They built a treehouse and a tire swing on one of the old apple trees. Birds and animals, from squirrels to foxes, still love their yard!

Jean loved food and cooking. She had a long career in food service, beginning at Big Joe's in Wilmington Center and then as a "cafeteria lady" at the Wilmington Regional Health Center. There she made lifelong friends who shared her love of food.

After retiring, her passion for cooking expanded to include studying and collecting cookbooks from the likes of Julia Child, Jacques Pé-

pin, and Lidia Bastianich to enhance her already well-recognized culinary expertise.

Jean's talents didn't stop there. She crocheted, knitted, and quilted by hand. Jean made many beautiful quilts — the birth of each grandchild was welcomed with a unique handmade quilt.

Jean and Sven enjoyed travel; some of their favorite trips included those to Italy and France. They joined their children and grandchildren many times in Aruba, soaking up the sun and swimming in the warm Caribbean waters. She loved her large extended family; it was the most important thing to her. Her home was the gathering place for many family get-togethers. Jean will be missed by all who sat at her table.

Jean was the beloved wife of the late Sven J. Wiberg, devoted mother of Linnea W. Garcia & her husband Raul of Wellesley, MA, Sven D. Wiberg & his wife Patricia of North Hampton, NH, Leslie A. Wiberg of Newmarket, NH, and Karen E. Wiberg of Wilmington, MA.

Loving "Nana" of Andrew, Elizabeth, Sven Michael, Michaela, Liam, Grace, Richard, Abigail, and great-grandchildren Eli, Wolfgang, Opal, and Zebulon.

Cherished daughter of the

late Leslie and Emma (Babcock) Andrews, dear sister of the late Warren Andrews. Sister-in-law of Joan Andrews of Tewksbury, Mary Long of Washington, Margaret "Peg" Reid of Connecticut, and Peter Wiberg of Maine. Jean is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours on Friday, Feb. 23 from 3 - 7 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. A Celebration of Jean's life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading, MA.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jean's memory may be made to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118 or to the Sawtelle Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA 01867.

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Glenna E. Feeley

Librarian with Wilmington Public Library

Glenna E. Feeley, age 64, of Abednego Road in Alton and formerly of Wilmington, MA, died suddenly at home on Feb. 15, 2018.

Born March 30, 1953 in Winchester, MA, a daughter of Francis E. and Elizabeth V. (Aikens) Downs, she was raised in Reading, MA and had lived in Wilmington, MA for many years before moving to Alton, NH for the past 34 years.

A homemaker most recently, Glenna had worked as a home health care worker for the Hike Fund for the Town of Alton, and worked as a librarian for many years at the Wilmington Library.

A parishioner at St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and riding on her husband's Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Members of her family include her husband of 10 years: John K. Feeley, one son: Joseph G. Barnes, one daughter: Andrea L. Barnes, two brothers: Wilfred F. and Andrew M. Downs, grandchildren: John, Dillon, Angelina Barnes and Jaylyn Gagnon, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her first husband: David K. Morse in 2006 and her sister Phyllis E. Hagan.

Calling hours are on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, 12



School Street, Alton, NH. A graveside funeral will be on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington, MA. To express online condolences please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com

Susan Harvey

Longtime parishioner of St. Dorothy's Church

Susan Harvey of Wilmington, passed away on Feb. 14, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert D. Harvey, devoted mother of Robert Harvey, Jr. & Stephanina of Maine, Barbara McCauley & Charles of Wilmington, Peter Harvey & Diane of Wilmington, and the late S. Jahe and Mark Harvey, and loving grandmother of Virginia Grice of Maine, Jessica D'Alessio & Josh of Maine, Nathan Harvey of Vermont, Elizabeth Harvey of Wilmington, Charles McCauley, Jr. of Wilmington, Joseph McCauley & Traci of Wilmington, and Erin McCauley & Anthony of Lynn.

She was the great grand-

mother of Hannah & Stella of Maine, Kayla, Chloe, Joseph, Callie, Jacob, & Aleya of Wilmington, Sienna of Waltham, Bentley, Anthony, & Alexandra of Lynn, CJ & Emily of South Boston, and the late Matthew.

Susan was a longtime parishioner of St. Thomas of Villanova Church and St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours



will be held at the Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 19 from 3 - 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Susan may be made to Middlesex-East Visiting Nurse Hospice, Gifts Processing Center, 41 Mall Rd, Burlington, MA 01805.

Brown named to Dean's List at Clemson University

CLEMSON — Amanda Katherine Brown of Tewksbury has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2017 semester.

Brown is majoring in Marketing.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

How-To Fair on Saturday, March 10

Join community members, local businesses, and non-profits for demonstrations, workshops, and activities to develop your own DIY skills.

Session topics include:

- How to Retouch Your Pictures at Home
- How to Take Your Dog from Mutt to Magnificent
- How to Maintain a Fitness Routine
- How to Perfectly Style Your Hair
- How to Sell Your House
- Plus many more

There will be six 30 minute sessions with upwards of 18

topics to choose from throughout the morning. Schedule of events can be seen at www.wilmlibrary.org or pick of the How To Fair flyer available at the library. See as many demonstrations as you would like — no registration required.

More Upcoming Events
Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/

Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding many of the following programs.

Goal Setting for the Job Seeker *RR
Monday, February 26, 10 am
Lisa Sasso, executive coach, motivational speaker, and author of Motivation Now! will assist you in setting your personal, professional, and gratitude goals for 2018. She will help you create a model

of who you are, help you define your theme for this year, and help you set values. All of which will light the path for the New Year.

Writing Skill Group *RR
Tuesday, February 27, 7 pm
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Well Read Wednesday Book Group *RR
Wednesday, February 28, 10 am
Featured Book: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
At the age of thirty-six, on

the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor making a living treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. All are welcome to join in the discussion of When Breath Becomes Air at the next Well Read Wednesday Book Group. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Kids & Teen Events

Little Movers *RR
Monday, February 26, 10 am
Let's move! Join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and moving around! Ages 1-2

PJ Storytime
Mondays, February 26, 6:30 pm
Wear your snuggly pajamas, bring your favorite teddy bear or blanket, and enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

First Look Book Group *RR
Wednesday, February 28, 3 pm
Want to discover the next big thing in YA lit? First Look Book Group is for you! Hang out with other teen fiction aficionados and read books hot off the presses. Snacks provided.

Music and More with Bernadette Baird *RR
Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 pm
Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance. Ages 1-3

Summer Activities Fair
Wednesday, March 7, 6:30-8 pm
Get a jump start on planning activities for your children this summer. Representatives from local camps and summer programs will be on hand with information about their summer offerings.

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We are committed to serving Tewksbury and the surrounding towns with compassionate services at a cost that only a family owned provider can offer.

Our goal is to not only to meet, but to exceed, our client expectations.

In response to Equifax data breach, House passes consumer protection bill

BOSTON - Representative James Miceli and the House of Representatives earlier this week voted to pass a strong consumer protection bill that would help those who are victims of identity fraud, as well as impose additional requirements about the collection and selling of sensitive financial data.

"After the security breach with some of the credit bureaus, I was disgusted by the reactions of the companies and the lack of accountability. One CEO resigned, and was given a golden parachute that was more money than some families see in a lifetime," said Rep. Miceli on the passage of the bill. "Even worse, I saw the other day that the data breach could have been even worse than initially reported, and its clear that Washington's regulatory agencies are not doing much about it. Today's bill will help protect those here in Massachusetts at least, and will help provide another level of security and rights when dealing with our sensitive personal information."

The bill included several provisions such as extending free credit monitoring for anyone whose information is

compromised for 60 months following a breach, which would allow consumers to know if their data has been sold to criminals who may wait to open up new lines of credit years after purchasing stolen information.

The bill also increased transparency for consumers as it requires consumers to approve a credit check by signing a separate line when applying for a new line of credit, eliminating confusion about what bureaus would be used and how far back a requested credit check would look.

In addition, consumers were granted protections before their credit could be reinstated or unfrozen by a bureau, with written notification becoming required a minimum of at least four weeks provided to the individual. In contrast, previous law required only five days notice by a bureau, leaving many consumers unable to react and continue protecting their credit scores after a breach or refutation.

Rep. Miceli said upon its passing, "I think this is a great bill, and the consumers of Massachusetts won today. I am proud to have supported it."

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3rd annual Giving Day at Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center

WILMINGTON — Feb. 27, 2018 will mark the third annual Giving Day at Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center. They are excited to announce that all proceeds from this school-established Giving Day will benefit Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center directly.

They are partnering with Christian Community Credit Union to provide families and friends a secure and reliable way to give online. This year they are raising funds to go towards the new security system.

They are truly blessed to have a safe place to continue Growing Kids God's Way and want to provide an even safer place for you and your children. In a world that is increasingly complex and sometimes overwhelming, families like yours, and many others, value the partnership they find in the nurturing and safe environment at ALCS, where they continually offer academic excellence combined with faith-based emphasis in character growth and service to the greater community.

Equipping children to thrive

today and in the future continues to be the vision at Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center. They invite residents join them on their Giving Day, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at <http://ablifeschool.com/> to raise funds for our new security system.

Please also follow them on Facebook! Your generous support will make a difference!

"From the very beginning they made us, the parents, feel comfortable with leaving the boys with them and boys followed along shortly thereafter. My oldest loved all of his teachers, and I could see the love they had for him in their time spent with him. For that matter, I could see the love they had for all of the children in every smile, playtime, book read and patient response," an Abundant Life parent.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center serves infants through pre-k and kindergarten through middle school students. ALCS & LC is located in Wilmington at 173 Church St.

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It is a sunny winter Saturday and the ballroom is filled with long tables set with task lamps, neat piles of colorful papers, rolling carts of materials, cutters, embellishments, and photos. I recently visited a cropping event, a weekend-long scrapbooking get-together where over 80 focused women were creating scrapbooks filled with memories for their loved ones.

Scrapbooking has been a craft world staple since the early 1980s, providing a way to creatively keep and narrate photos and mementos from a life — a birth, a graduation, summer trip, you name it. Remember keeping concert tickets and playbills from shows? Remember peeling back the photo album sticky pages and putting in your pictures from your Polaroid camera or pictures from Fotomat? Scrapbooking, or “cropping” takes this to a whole new level.

Events such as the Cool

Crops Ultimate Weekend give hobbyists a place to come together with other crafters, spend quiet time focusing on their work, and enjoy a camaraderie that fosters the sharing of techniques and materials.

Debbie Fitzpatrick of Tewksbury said she attends the events “for the uninterrupted creative time” and uses it to “make gifts for her own family.”

Fitzpatrick sits with Mari-beth Heggarty of Methuen, Donna Singleton of Andover, Lori Carriere of Tewksbury and Tracy Zimmerman of Charlestown. The group gets together at least four times per year and has done so for over 13 years. The ladies admit the scrapbookers are somewhat of a secret society, but relish the lasting friendships and treasure the creative outlet it provides.

Tonya Oesterle of Milford, New Hampshire makes “a book per year per child” and likes learning new techniques.

Heggarty said there are always new tools and new technologies. Some atten-

dees were working on digital scrapbooks as well.

Though space in hobby stores dedicated to scrapbooking has dwindled, you’d never know it based on the pounds of paper, embellishments and cutting equipment at the event. Vendors, such as Trina Massel from Forever and Jen Pitta from Stampin’ Up set up in the showcase area, providing materials to purchase on site for croppers to buy and use that moment on their projects. The crafters spend hours working

on their unique works of art. The ballroom is open until 3 a.m. each morning so that night owls can keep working. Games and prizes are mixed in for fun and the women are encouraged to mingle.

“We have people from age 20 to age 80,” said event organizer Cristine DeMartino.

DeMartino and her friend Cara Duchowski just celebrated their 100th cropping event. The duo offers 12 cropping events per year located all over New England.

They’ve intentionally kept their events to under 100 attendees to keep it personal. “We want everyone to have enough space, get to know each other, and feel comfortable,” said Duchonowski.

Themed days and nights keep the fun going. Many attendees were wearing pajamas and slippers for “pajama day.” Clearly it is working as the events sell out almost immediately and friends plan months in advance to attend. There are several companies around

the country that offer these events but Duchonowski and DeMartino are proud of their events.

Attendee Zimmerman noted, “this is such a phenomenally well-run event,” complimenting the organization, activities, and logistics.

So, the next time you look at your pile of photos and incomplete scrapbooking projects, consider a cropping event to get you focused and finished. You’ll have great fun and make some friends along the way, too!



▲ At top right, founders of Cool Crops, Cristine DeMartino and Cara Duchonowski (Paige Impink photos)

▲ Scrapbook materials cover a table at the cropping event

◀ An example of card making, one of the crafts made at cropping events

HAPPENINGS IN EDUCATION

Moynihan's talent off the charts

By MATT FRONDUTO

Maeve Moynihan. Chances are, as a resident of Tewksbury, you have heard her name before, most likely in association with her marvelous, almost angelic voice. Whether word of Maeve's incredible singing ability has reached you secondhand, or better yet, if you've had the privilege of experiencing it with your own two ears, it should be crystal clear just how breathtaking her voice can be.

And although Maeve's wonderful voice has nearly taken on a life of its own (deservedly so), it is truly only the tip of the iceberg.

This is possibly the best exemplified through the great care that Maeve pours into every other aspect of her life, perhaps most notably her school work. Look no further than her enrollment, and immense enjoyment, in a variety of AP classes, including Chemistry and English, two of the most difficult courses TMHS offers. Thus, it should come as no surprise that Moynihan actively looks forward to challenging herself in every facet of her life.

The aspirations Maeve holds for her future also reflect the high standards she sets for herself, as her primary goal is to achieve a masters degree in Bio-

logy, which she plans to use in order to facilitate the process of obtaining her medical doctorate.

With regards to where Moynihan will begin this journey, she has narrowed the race down to two schools — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and The University of Massachusetts (UMASS) Lowell, both respected universities in the STEM (Science, technology, math, engineering) fields.

The genuine joy and satisfaction Maeve receives through her work as a tutor is also quite indicative of just how passionate she really is. Not only has she helped to tutor for the National Honor Society (NHS) ever since joining the club, but because she has enjoyed her work so thor-

oughly, she has become a coordinating director of a volunteer tutoring program at the Ryan School.

Said Moynihan of her work, “I love being a part of giving children the tools they need to succeed in school.”

And this mindset, so altruistic in nature, is truly representative of Moynihan's personality as a whole — so incredibly dedicated to helping not only herself, but everyone she possibly can.

Despite her immense dedication to whatever she involves herself in, Maeve does have some down time, during which she takes pleasure in reading, writing, and cooking, all of which are not only enjoyable, but also help to sharpen useful life skills.

Simply put, a mind like Maeve's does not come around very often. A mind well-versed in both technological and artistic fields, a mind determined to better herself and others whenever she can, and a mind that thrives on challenging itself, regardless of how difficult that challenge may be.

Maeve Moynihan's mind is one of a kind, and it would be foolish to put restrictions of any kind on her potential.



STUDENT PROFILE

Coordinated Program Review by the DESE

WILMINGTON — Paul Ruggiero, Wilmington Interim Superintendent was informed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of an upcoming Coordinated Program Review that will be taking place this school year. As part of this Coordinated Program Review, department staff will visit the district during the week of March 19, 2018. Such visits are routinely conducted by the department to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

The department is reviewing several programs during a single visit in order to use department and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs.

The department's Coordinated Program Review will address the following programs: Special Education, Civil Rights, and English Learner Education.

After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a department team will make its onsite visit, during which it will review individual student records, interview administrators and teachers, observe instructional spaces, and conduct an online survey of parents. After the onsite visit it will prepare a report for the superintendent and School Committee with detailed findings for each program.

Using a scale of ratings ranging from “Commendable” to “Not Implemented,” the report will rate the implementation of each requirement reviewed by the department. Where requirements are found not implemented or only partially implemented, the district must propose to the department corrective action to bring those areas into compliance with statutes and regulations.

Districts and schools are encouraged to incorporate the corrective action into their district and school improvement plans and professional development plan. The school district will be provided with technical assistance from the department in developing a corrective action plan.

Both the department's report and the corrective action plan are public information and will be available to the public upon request. Program Review Final Reports are also available on the department's Internet Website at <http://doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports>.

Any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the department's visiting team. Those wishing to be interviewed should email the Director of Student Services Alice Brown-LeGrand at alice.brown-legrand@wpssk12.com no later than March 2, 2018. Please include your name and phone number and your desire to be interviewed by someone from the Department of Education.

You may also call the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at (781) 338-3715. A member of the visiting team will contact each person desiring an interview within two weeks after the completion of the onsite visit. If an individual is not comfortable communicating in English or requires some other accommodation, the department will make arrangements to communicate appropriately with the individual.



Tewksbury Police Log

Male arrested for OUI liquor and possession of drugs

Monday, February 12

10:39 a.m. - A male party came into the station to report someone stole car parts off his vehicle. Police filed a report.

3:47 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a vehicle swerved on the other side of the street at Whipple Road. Vehicle immediately traveled into Billerica and was transferred to Billerica Police Department.

10:24 p.m. - Two trucks had been running for the past couple of hours at Off Season Adventures. Police sent and spoke with one of the drivers; he would move further into the lot. The man was trying to keep warm with the cold temperatures.

Tuesday, February 13

3:06 a.m. - Police stopped a

motor vehicle at Main Street and Chandler Street for a motor vehicle violation. Nicholas Lidano, 25, of 10 Burnham St. in Somerville, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, possess to distribute class D drugs and possess class C drugs.

4:28 a.m. - A 911 caller at Merrimack Meadows Lane reported someone was ringing his doorbell. He requested an officer respond. The person ringing the doorbell was the caller's neighbor and that got locked out of her house.

11:20 a.m. - The garage door was open at Pike Street and the female caller was not sure if someone went into the home. Police sent. Officers did a walk through with the caller and everything was fine.

4:11 p.m. - Nicholas Galliano, 26, of 99 Marshall St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with two warrants for suspended license, and two counts for possess class B drugs.

Wednesday, February 14

1:06 a.m. - Police reported a single car motor vehicle accident at Shawsheen Street. Kevin Mansfield, 31, of 45 Hillside Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

3:11 a.m. - Police at Motel 6 with a suspicious person. Carlos Hernandez, 48, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of class B drugs and possession class C drugs.

12:39 p.m. - Police at

McDonald's North assisted Lowell with an arrest. Nathaniel Galloni, 24, of 28 Belle Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with court-tesy booking.

6:45 p.m. - A 911 call from Boudreau's Automotive reported a motor vehicle accident with unknown injuries. Keith Wilkins, 26, of 158 Maple St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and possession open container of alcohol in the motor vehicle.

Thursday, February 15

10:37 a.m. - Police off at Trull Road. William Zanolli, 41, of 12 Trull Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with suspended license.

Friday, February 16

8:24 a.m. - The caller's boyfriend was extremely intoxicated at Summer Street. Police sent to assist. Officer spoke to both parties. The male party was not intoxicated and admitted to drinking heavily last night. Officer filed a report.

8:43 a.m. - A male party argued with the clerk at 7-11. Police sent and officer spoke to both parties. All set.

4:45 p.m. - Female reported possible attempted break at Harold Place. She got home a few hours ago to find her garage window tampered with. Police sent and filed a report.

7:55 p.m. - An unwanted male seemed to be extremely confused at Kyoto Steak House. Police sent and reported ambulance for pink slip. Ambulance transported one person to Saints Hospital.

pital.

Saturday, February 17

10:06 a.m. - Male party came to the station and reported someone broke into his car last night and took a computer at Cartpath Road. Officer spoke with the party and filed a report.

3:56 p.m. - Male party reported someone drove over his lawn sometime last night at Cynthia Road. He has the incident on film from his neighbors. Police sent and filed a report.

Sunday, February 18

10 a.m. - Police off at Leighton Lane attempted to serve a warrant. Karen Richardson, 52, of 24 Leighton Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation violation.

10:38 p.m. - Male caller reported a car has been parked in front of his home for over an hour with headlights on at Barker Road. Police sent and spoke with the party; he worked for the railroad and was waiting to switch shifts with the incoming train.

to the side of the road.

7:22 a.m.: A Mercury Sable slid off the road and hit a street sign at the intersection of Woburn Street and Greatneck Drive. There was no property damage.

8:00 a.m.: The Tree Department was notified of a tree leaning on wires on Dadant Drive.

2:05 p.m.: Gail Poirier, 47, of 71 Essex St. in Malden was arrested for operating a motor vehicle after suspension of her license and registration, warrants for the same, and for driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

2:47 p.m.: A Kia Sorento and a Nissan Rogue backed into each other in a parking lot on Main Street. No one was injured in the collision and the vehicles' airbags were not deployed.

3:35 p.m.: Andrzej Holowenczak, 53, of 19 Lincoln St. was arrested for two counts of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest. He was later bailed.



Wilmington Police Log

Male arrested for assault and battery on a police officer

Monday, February 12:

8:51 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Hyundai Sonata and a Saturn Vue occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road. No one was injured.

8:51 a.m.: A manager at Heav'nly Donuts on Main Street reported a past theft by an employee.

Tuesday, February 13:

12:58 p.m.: A Ford Edge and a Ford Econovan bumped into each other front to end at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street. Neither vehicle was damaged.

3:06 p.m.: Animal Control received a report that a resident had an animal in their

Beacon Street basement. After finding evidence of an animal, Animal Control returned the next day with traps.

4:22 p.m.: A Jeep Wrangler backed into a Toyota Camry at a stop sign at the intersection of Main Street and Middlesex Avenue. The Jeep was cited for failure to grant the right of way.

4:59 p.m.: A TT unit was cited for a red light violation after a collision with a Toyota 4Runner and a Honda CR-V. The other two vehicles had to be towed.

Wednesday, February 14:

2:20 p.m.: A Kia Sorento and a Buick Enclave were involved in a minor motor vehicle collision on the Route 93 overpass. The acci-

dent did not block traffic and both vehicles were driven from the scene.

2:33 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Williams Avenue involving a Mitsubishi Outlander and a Ford Fusion. No one was injured in the collision.

Thursday, February 15:

4:38 p.m.: A Ford Taurus and a Hyundai Sonata were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Boutwell Street and Burlington Avenue. No one was injured.

6:40 p.m.: Alan-Michael Santos, 27, of 2 Alice Ave. was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding, and carrying a dangerous weapon.

rying a dangerous weapon.

Friday, February 16:

5:39 a.m.: Police assisted the Fire Department with a pole on Lee Street that had caught fire and had arching wires.

5:21 p.m.: A Lexus RX 350 crossed over into the left lane by the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Glen Road and hit a Toyota Highlander while taking a turn. The vehicle continued, possibly not realizing the collision had occurred. The two parties later exchanged paperwork.

6:03 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Dodge Caravan and a Jeep Cherokee.

10:58 p.m.: A Chevrolet Sil-

verado struck a pole on Woburn Street causing minor damage to the pole as well as the lawns and front stairs of several houses.

Saturday, February 17:

8:54 a.m.: One party was transported by a Fire Department medical vehicle after a rollover at the intersection of I-93 and Concord Street involving a Subaru Impreza and a Ford Super Duty.

2:23 p.m.: Police transported the driver of a Ford Taurus to her home after a collision with a Honda Accord at the intersection of Adams Street and Church Street.

Sunday, February 18:

4:05 a.m.: A low hanging cable wire by Burger King on Lowell Street was moved

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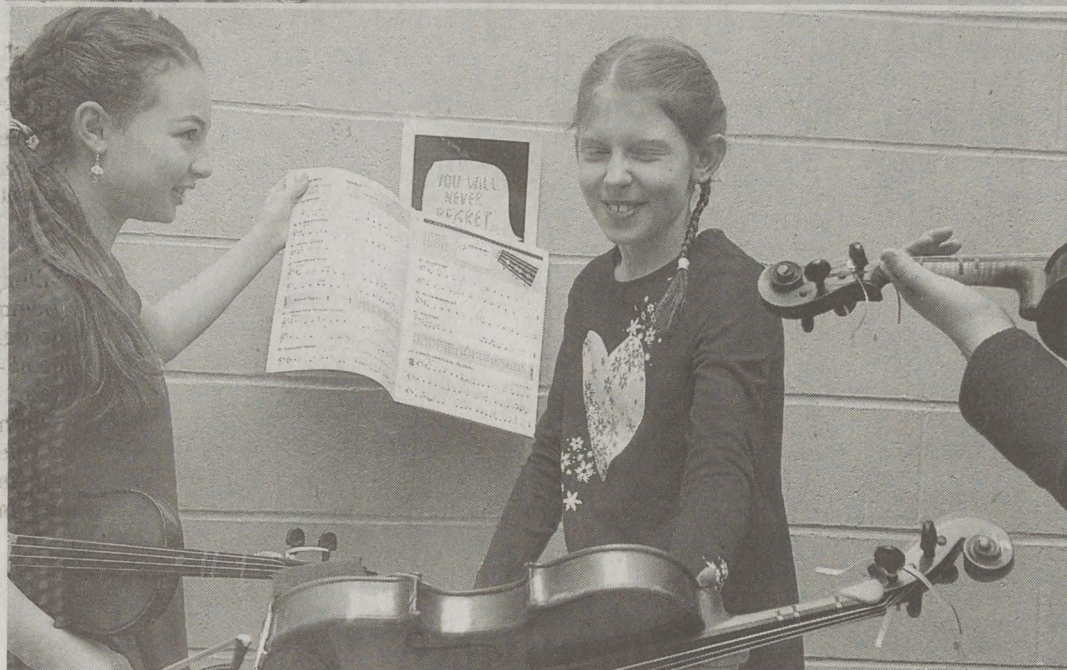
Drama Guild to perform 'Radium Girls'

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High School's Lamplighters' Drama Guild is ready to entertain you!

They will be performing "Radium Girls" at the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild (METG) Festival and they invite you to come and see their show before they take it to competition!

Join us on Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Wilmington High School Auditorium. Ticket cost is \$5. Tickets are sold at the door only and seating is general admission. The performance will be followed by a talkback with the director, actors, and crew and the audience is encouraged to ask questions.

Synopsis: In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage — until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court.



▲ Strings Attached seniors with the new player additions at the North Intermediate School.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)

◀ Warming up backstage at the North Intermediate School for their debut with Strings Attached, Marina Feeney and Allison Hall.

► Lunch at Rocco's Italian Restaurant for all the Strings Attached musicians. Rocco's owner Joe Cerqueira takes a moment from a busy lunch crowd to pose for a photo with Music Director Jennifer Perkins and Senior players Jack Gibbons, Caroline Andersen, Sean Stanford and Alison Torres.



30 students inducted into Strings Attached program

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Feb. 14, 30 North and West Intermediate fourth grade students were inducted into the Wilmington Strings Attached program, a program for all orchestra students, during the annual "Arch of Bows" ceremony. The event began with a combined concert performed by the high school and fourth grade "Strings Attached" students.

At the conclusion, the high school students formed two lines to create an archway with their instrument's bows. Each fourth grade student's name was called as they proceeded through the "Arch of Bows" line, and each re-

ceived a medal to officially welcome them into the program.

Following the ceremony, the high school students enjoyed a luncheon at Rocco's Restaurant where they were greeted by owner Joe Cerqueira, who was happy to accommodate the young students, as Joe is an avid supporter of the town's local arts culture.

Jennifer Perkins, the Strings Attached teacher responsible for coordinating the districts-wide orchestra that consists of 200 students, took leadership of the program several years ago and has taken the program to a new heights. Included in her

endeavors are continuing the middle school trip to Lake George, recent trips to the BSO and Disney World, organizing a 2019 trip for high school orchestra students to Austria, as well working with the Strings Attached parents on fundraisers for the scholarship program.

Hosted by the parents of orchestra students, the next fundraiser is an 80s Theme Trivia and Costume Night at the K of C in Wilmington on Friday, March 2. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets for \$20, make a donation, or to learn more about the Strings Attached program, please contact Lynette Gibbons ljj26@gmail.com.

Town still seeking 'Good Guy' nominations

WILMINGTON — Where are the Good Guys?

Nominations are coming in for the 2018 Wilmington Good Guy Award. Don't wait till the last minute and miss the deadline! Let us know who you think should be this year's recipient. Who does more for Wilmington than anyone else, without looking for something in return? Who is selfless above all others in working with kids, seniors,

or community members?

Take some time and tell Wilmington about this person and how they have impacted the community. Many times the people behind the scenes don't get the glory and recognition. This is your chance to give them credit for what they have done.

The deadline for nominating individuals this year is Friday, March 23 at 5 p.m. The 2018 Wilmington Good

Guy will be inducted on Friday, May 11, 2018. Nominations can be mailed to the Wilmington Good Guy Committee c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold Ave., Wilmington or they can be emailed to wgoodguy@verizon.net.

A person's work performed as an elected official or through a paid employment position are not eligible for this award.

Panel discussion on use and substance abuse

WILMINGTON — Join Wilmington's new Health and Recovery Coordinator, Samantha Reif, LCSW, along with other professionals in the community for a panel discussion about substance use, abuse, and mental health. The discussion takes place on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7

p.m. at the public library.

Panelists will include Pierce Aliberti, co-founder of Dean's House, Sarah Ivan, Public Health Expert at Education Development Center, Michael Leggiero, Behavioral Health Technician at Banyan Treatment Center, and Amanda Barne, Tewksbury Detox.

The panel members will provide information, statistics, resources, and share their personal experiences with addiction. There will be resources available to take home. Please bring your questions and help us to continue this important conversation.

Flu advice from Public Health Nurse Traci Mello

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The 2017-2018 flu season has been wreaking havoc all over Wilmington and the surrounding area. A Massachusetts Department of Health flu statement from earlier this month reported over 8,152 confirmed cases of influenza in the current season, with 2,281 of them in that week alone.

Their most recent statement from Feb. 16 indicated a significant increase in flu diagnoses in the seven days since the prior statement, via the Mass Public Health Blog. These, of course, are only the cases that are reported and treated.

Wilmington Public Health Nurse Traci Mello, R. N., offers help and advice for both those experiencing the flu and those in danger of catching the flu from the people around them.

"You're contagious one day before symptoms show up," she shared, "and up to five to seven days after."

This is why it's most important for the flu-infected

to stay home.

She of course advises those feeling sick to go to the doctor and get on Tamiflu. If that's not an option, she said she's happy to be available for questions.

"I'd hate for someone to go without help."

While the Board of Health only has flu shots for pediatrics, they're able to provide guidance both for the sick and those concerned for their health in advance.

For everyone else, she could not mention enough the necessity of washing your hands. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention explains on their website that the flu is mostly spread by people with the flu from sneezing, coughing, or even just talking.

"They can wash their hands... before and after you eat, touch your face, or blow your nose," Mello continued. "Stay away from people who are sick."

It's also not too late to get a flu shot at local pharmacies or primary care offices.

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Do people still use travel agents? I get this question a lot. My quick and some-

what "cheeky" answer is "the smart ones do!" But seriously the short answer is YES! Hello, my name is Brenda Pachucki and I am the owner of Tours and More Travel. A full-service travel agency in Tewksbury. I have been in the travel industry for over ten years. My passion for travel has taken me to many amazing

places! These first-hand experiences are invaluable in assisting you in making your own travel dreams a reality! I know what you are thinking...tough job! Well at times it is. The internet sites can at times make my job difficult. I can get the same pricing as the online sites. So really the question is; why wouldn't you reserve with me!

Exceptional customer service is the cornerstone of my business. When my clients travel I monitor their flights making sure

they arrive to their destination. I am prepared should something not go as planned. Take Dina P. of No. Andover who was returning from Costa Rica during a snow storm. She hadn't even known her flight was cancelled, but I did. I made arrangements for the hotel and for the next morning's flight home. You will never receive this level of service from any internet site. I also reward repeat business. Business is a two-way street in my opinion. I have provided my clients shipboard credit; round trip

transfers to the airport, special tours and many other surprises that they didn't expect. My goal is to build a great working relationship to assist with not only your current but also future travel plans. I look forward to the day when I can call my clients and advise them I found the perfect travel opportunity for them!

Don't wait for that "Someday", call me today to book your dream vacation!



Brenda A. Pachucki
Owner

This member profile is provided by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce. To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Business Bootcamp - Chamber 101

Date: Thursday, February 22
Time: Noon - 1:30 pm
Place: Tewksbury Town Hall
Cost: Free/Members

Place: Aleppo Shriners Fez Room
Cost: \$20/Ticket, Tables of 10 Available
Call Chamber, 978-657-7211, for Tickets

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, March 7
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: EJ's Fresh Frozen Pizza, Wilmington (378 Middlesex Avenue)

Business After-Hours - Structured Networking

Date: Wednesday, February 28
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: Dos Lobos Restaurant, North Reading
Cost: Members/\$10, Guests/\$20

Multi-Chamber Regional Networking Event

Date: Thursday, March 8
Time: 4:30 pm - Free Seminar;
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Networking
Place: Hilton Boston Woburn, Woburn
Cost: Members/\$10, Guests/\$20

11th Annual Chamber Comedy Night

Date: Friday, March 2
Time: Doors open @ 6:30 pm, Comics @ 8:30 pm

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

DETOX FROM PAGE 1

pending waivers from subdivision rules and regulations. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals voiced concerns that the plan put forth by Bettering LLC was not a fully realized proposal. Some felt that Bettering LLC was asking for too much feedback, and not providing enough complete detail, in order to manipulate the proposal into a form that would more easily pass.

"We're not here so that you're going to get a special

Location of proposed detox facility remains contentious

permit and we're going to help you get there. That's not why we're here," said Zoning Board of Appeals member Thomas Siracusa. "You have to come in front of this board prepared, with everything checked off."

Board Chair Daniel Veerman cited both traffic and security as issues upon which further information was needed. He specifically noted the voluntary nature of the facility as a potential

security risk.

"If somebody checks out of there before they're supposed to leave, it would be very helpful if the community, the police were notified of that," Veerman said.

The public hearing followed the ZBA's questioning, and exceeded two hours in length. Residents, including many abutters and neighbors, expressed concerns regarding traffic, safety, and the overall feeling of the neighborhood.

Selectman Michael McCoy gave an impassioned plea, on behalf of the residents, for the detox facility to be instead reimagined in the Ballardvale Street area, on the

far northern end of town. McCoy was instrumental in the drafting of Article 2 at the recent Special Town Meeting, which changed zoning laws to modify where medical facilities can be placed in town. While the proposition passed, the property at 362 Middlesex Ave. is not included in the new zoning.

"These folks are the inhabitants. We need to protect

their safety," said McCoy. "And I think there's compelling evidence this evening to show there are safety issues relevant to 362 Middlesex Ave."

David Robertson spoke on behalf of Representative James Miceli. Miceli is staunchly opposed to the existence of a detox center at that particular site, even if modifications are made to the current proposal.

"It still does not fit the tone and the general spirit of the neighborhood. It won't work there," said Robertson.

At the close of discussion, the board scheduled a subsequent meeting for Wednesday, April 25. Bobrowski assured those present that further information would be available at that time. Further information will also be uploaded to the town website as it becomes available.



◀▶ Massachusetts State Representative Jim Miceli waits patiently to hear case 7-18 on the town's Board of Appeals agenda at the Town Hall Auditorium Wednesday night which was standing room only. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)



Asst. Supt. may soon leave Wilmington

GALLAGHER FROM PAGE 1

would make him consider committing to the job of superintendent.

Family comes first for Gallagher in the battle for his time. He has one daughter at Beverly High and one away at college. If he were only traveling to and from Newburyport every day, he included that he could be more available both for his family and for the town of Newburyport.

"The life of a superintendent is 24/7," he said. "You look at timing; you look at fit; you look at family life."

While he withstands his daily commute up route 128, it was part of what made it easier for him to say yes to Newburyport's superintendent opening.

Another piece of his decision came from his work with the Cape Ann League and the Northeastern Conference. With decades of experience as Beverly High School Principal and Salem High's Athletic Director, he dealt a lot with different sur-

rounding towns, including but not limited to Newburyport.

"I was extremely familiar with the community."

He said that he worked all over the north shore in academics, in athletics, and in grant writing.

"Spending a lot of time on the north shore was an important piece."

This experience already had him enthralled in the community and interested in serving in this new capacity — all he needed was the opportunity.

Gallagher's interest quickly turned into meeting application deadlines, starting the screening process, and participating in all kinds of interviews. Today, he's looking forward to a site visit from Newburyport School Committee members — in the midst of finishing Wilmington through its own superintendent selection process.

"I've learned a lot through the search on both sides," he continued. "Having some input in the next superintendent...

I was honored to be a part of [that]."

He described Dr. Brand's addition to their team as a chance for the kind of stability that the town really needs.

Wilmington had been looking for a new superintendent as of February of 2017. At the time that their search started, the assistant superintendent was not interested in holding this position.

"Timing is extremely important," he explained. "I think for me I'm enjoying my role as assistant... I'm very satisfied and content."

He could not be happier with the job he has here, and he looks forward to continuing to do it well should he not be named Superintendent in Newburyport.

Gallagher concluded that he should find out about the position within the next few weeks. While he's hoping and excited to potentially have this opportunity, he appreciates the support of the staff, the school committee, and the community as a whole if he stays.

School Committee selects Glenn Brand

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member MJ Byrnes.

She compared aspects of his presence to late former Superintendent of Schools Joanne Benton. These aspects included Brand's assertiveness, thoughtfulness, and comfort in answering difficult questions.

Committee members Peggy Kane, Manny Mulas, Jennifer Bryson, and Thomas Talbot noted their approval of Brand and the time sensitive nature of the selection

process. Kane said that in the time between the candidate interviews and the deliberations, several residents had approached her to express their preference for Brand.

She also noted that she had been made aware that another School Committee was very interested in selecting Brand for their respective district.

"There's no discussion as to whether he's fit or not as a candidate... I'm an advocate for doing this tonight," said Kane.

Mulas added that, though he felt rushed in past searches, the clear alignment between the will of the community and that of the School Committee made him more comfortable with the rapid timetable of this search. He also pointed out specific attributes in Brand's profile and interview that he felt were very important for the town.

"He was very clear of his commitment. He was committed in the long term," Mulas noted.

Committee member Julie Broussard noted that, while she liked Brand as a candidate, she would have liked more time to process the information and deliberate. "It's nothing to do with the candidates themselves, it's the process, and I want to be on record saying that."

Bjork also expressed his gratitude for having had a strong candidate pool to choose from.

"We had great candidates... We certainly appreciate your time, and we have the utmost respect for all of you."

The vote to appoint Brand was unanimous. In the wake of the decision, the School Committee will begin contract negotiations. Kane, Bjork, and Bryson will comprise the contract subcommittee.

Wilmington welcomes new fire chief

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cal Technician certification and has completed a number of classes in topics including Incident Command System, Emergency Driver Training, Hazardous Materials First Responder and Fire/Arson Detection.

"He is intimately familiar with the operations of the

Wilmington Fire Department and I am fully confident that he will provide strong leadership in the department and serve as a resource to fellow department heads and the community at large," Hull added.

His appointment became effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018.

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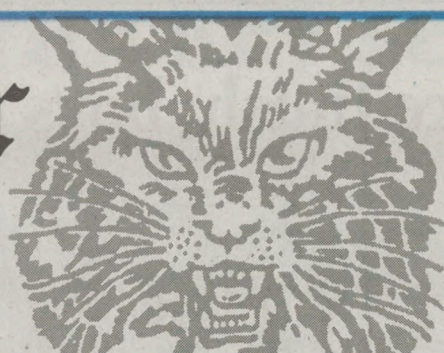
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The 55-meter dash Division 4 state champion: Alexcia Luna

Also finishes second in the 300 and as part of the sixth place 4x400 relay team

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ROXBURY - You could see this coming from a mile away ... but actually it was only 55-meters away.

Alexcia Luna - the reigning Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year - had been on the verge of a meet like this and just needed to get over the hump.

Last Wednesday afternoon, the senior had a meet to remember, as she was crowned the Division 4 state champion in the 55-meter dash with a new school record time of 7.43 seconds.

On top of being a state champ, she also finished as the Division 4 state finalist in the 300-meters, taking second with another new school record time of 41.52 seconds. Then on top of those two performances, she was back on the track one more time, as she joined Julia McLaughlin, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo and Emma Garrity to finish sixth in the 4x400 relay with a combined time of 4:16.93.

All in all, Luna helped Wilmington finish in fifth place out of 38 teams scoring 18.75 of her team's 28 points during the Division 4 Track-and-Field State Meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Besides the obvious of being a state champion, Luna said this first place finish means more to her than just a medal.

"I never expected to become a state champion but it really means the world to me," she said. "Before every important meet I braid half my hair, as a remembrance for my aunt who passed away. She would always braid my hair like that before every track meet."

"Also, I unfortunately had to miss the Middlesex League Meet (last week) because I had to fly to Texas for my grandfather's funeral so the last two weeks have been hard for me. So (Wednesday) I would tilt my head down and say 'this one's for you' and get in my zone. It was a huge motivator and I really believe that is why I had a good performance."

Certainly the emotions from her trip to Texas was difficult and missing a week's worth of practices and routines wasn't easy either, but head coach Brian Schell said you never would have known any of that by her three performances.

"Coming into the meet, Lexi was all for pushing herself to the limits and competing in all three events. She had a great last few days of practice after having a week off," he said.

The dash was one of the first events on the day. Luna had to first compete in the trials to qualify for the finals. She did so, taking first with a time of 7.47 seconds.

"After the trials there was a five-to-seven minute break until the finals," she said. "I started out really slow in the finals. I felt like I was in last place to be honest, but something really just clicked and I drove my knees and fought my hardest until I crossed the finish line. I caught up a lot within those seven seconds. I knew I got first but with the 55-meter dash you never know."

"When the winners were announced, I heard my whole team cheering and it was exciting because I really didn't think I had a chance at winning the whole thing - maybe fourth or something, but I worked really hard for that."

Watching from the outside, both the trials and the finals, was Schell.

"Lexi was in the last heat

of the trial round and after having watched the prior heats, a few kids had some solid starts and drive phases of their race," he said. "I am always stressing to the girls about the ability to have that leg turnover and accelerate during the race. She is a powerful runner and has just that."

"In the trial round, she didn't have the greatest of starts but stayed strong and won the heat with a personal record of 7.47 and headed into the finals with the fastest time. We talked about working on getting that better start out of the blocks and to run through the line. Unfortunately, she didn't have that explosive start and was quickly behind and what looked to be fifth place the entire race. But that acceleration came in the last ten meters and she managed to surge to the front for the victory."

Then a few minutes later - or what seemed like eternity - the results were posted up on the scoreboard and there it was, Alexcia Luna, first place with a 7.43 time finishing ahead of Newburyport's Julia Tribastone's 7.47 time.

"We all paused and waited until the official results were posted on the scoreboard," said Schell. "Meanwhile the announcer was even unsure and mentioned that it looked like Wilmington may have taken the victory. Once the results popped up on the board, and her name was on the top, we were all ecstatic."

"I am extremely happy for her as she not only ran a personal but broke the previous record set by Jackie Mello of 7.44."

From there, Luna had plenty of time to soak in the state title, get a little breather and prepare for her next race, the 300-meters.

"I wasn't mentally prepared for it," said Luna. "It didn't hit me that I just won the 55 (meter dash), it all didn't feel real. But I ran my race and thought I ran a terrible, but ended up breaking my own school record so it was exciting."

Luna's 300-meter race certainly wasn't 'terrible'. She finished second to an outstanding runner from Medway, Asa Vasile, who finished at 40.28, while Luna was second at 41.52 seconds, which also broke a school record.

"Lexi didn't have the quickest of starts in the 300-meters but she made up for it with a strong finish," said Schell. "She worked on her turnover by the break line and had a quick 200 meter split of 26.7. She kept her form the last 100 meters and ran through the line."

"To have pushed this hard even after the dash clearly shows her strength and

helped push her to another personal record and beat her school record set last year."

After running a trial and final heat of the dash, then the 300, you would think that Luna had nothing left in the tank, or in her legs or men-

tally and emotionally.

"Even after her success in the 55-meter dash and 300-meters, she continued her dominance anchoring the 4x400 relay team with a phenomenal split of 59.34 seconds," said Schell. "To break 60 seconds in a 400-

meters is a huge feat in itself and I have always told her she can do it."

Luna's anchor leg helped pushed Wilmington to a sixth place finish. As soon as that relay was over, Luna congratulated her three teammates who all ran

exceptionally well before trying to call it a night.

"I went out hard the first 200 of the race and once I hit the 300 mark I started to feel my legs tense up," said Luna. "I started to take longer strides and lift my

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Last Wednesday night, Wilmington High senior Alexcia Luna was crowned the Division 4 state champion in the 55-meter dash. She was honored in front of the crowd with the other place finishers including from left, Ana Bertarelli, Jordan McCluskey and to the right, Lea Bourgeois and Keimashay Blake. (courtesy photo).



Luna, shown here during an earlier season meet, (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Division 4 State Track-and-Field Meet

Girls team races to a fifth place finish; boys close out in 22nd place

By JAMIE POTE
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ROXBURY - Behind terrific performances across the board, the Wilmington High School girls' track-and-field team finished in fifth place out of 35 teams during last Wednesday's Division 4 state meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center.

"The meet started off very well for us and continued the entire night," said head coach Brian Schell. "To say the girls did well is an understatement. They were simply phenomenal, brought their 'A' games and put it all on the line. For being the state championship meet and bringing their best performances is everything we strive to push for all season."

"Most, if not everyone, had a personal record on the day whether it was individually, a relay split or even a new school record. It was just great to see them step up big for themselves."

The team was led by senior Alexcia Luna, who was first in the 55-meter dash (7.43), second in the 300 (41.52) and was part of the sixth place 4x400 relay team along with Julia McLaughlin, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo and Emma Garrity with a combined time of 4:16.93. Both of Luna's individual race times broke school records.

Besides Luna, so many other girls had phenomenal days including Emma Garrity, as well as freshman Hannah LaVita. Garrity finished her night off with the performance as part of the 4x400 relay team but before that, she placed fourth in the 600-meters with a time of 1:41.62.

"Emma had a great race and got back to getting out hard as we discussed all season," said Schell. "Despite getting tripped up she still progressed strongly through the race and finding her strong finish she always has. Emma has been phenomenal all season in the 600 and has made huge strides. I am extremely happy with her performance and achievements and to come away with a few medals shows that her hard work is paying off."

As for the relay team, all four girls ran very well - with Luna and Garrity running for the second and third time.

"We knew the competition was tough and coming into the meet we made a few adjustment in our order," said Schell. "We switched it to Julia McLaughlin, Evy Miller-Nuzzo, Emma Garrity and Lexi Luna. Both Julia and Evy managed to run personal records for their legs and simply looked strong. They put it all on the line and put us in good position for Emma and Lexi. Both of them finished the



The 2017-18 WHS Boys Track team with the exception of senior John Kenney, completed its season last Wednesday at the Division 4 State Meet.

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relay with strong legs and managed to pass a few teams.

"All season these four girls have pushed hard when needed, so for them to put it all together at states is a great sign and a big accomplishment."

LaVita, a freshman, placed seventh in the high jump clearing five feet.

"(Assistant) Coach (Joe) Patrone has done a lot for the high jump crew and Hannah looked great today," said Schell. "She managed to clear opening height of 4-10 with a great leap that showed potential of 5-2. She managed to have a personal record and clear 5-0 on her third attempt and even had a couple solid attempts at the next height of 5-2. She has the power and shows a lot of potential."

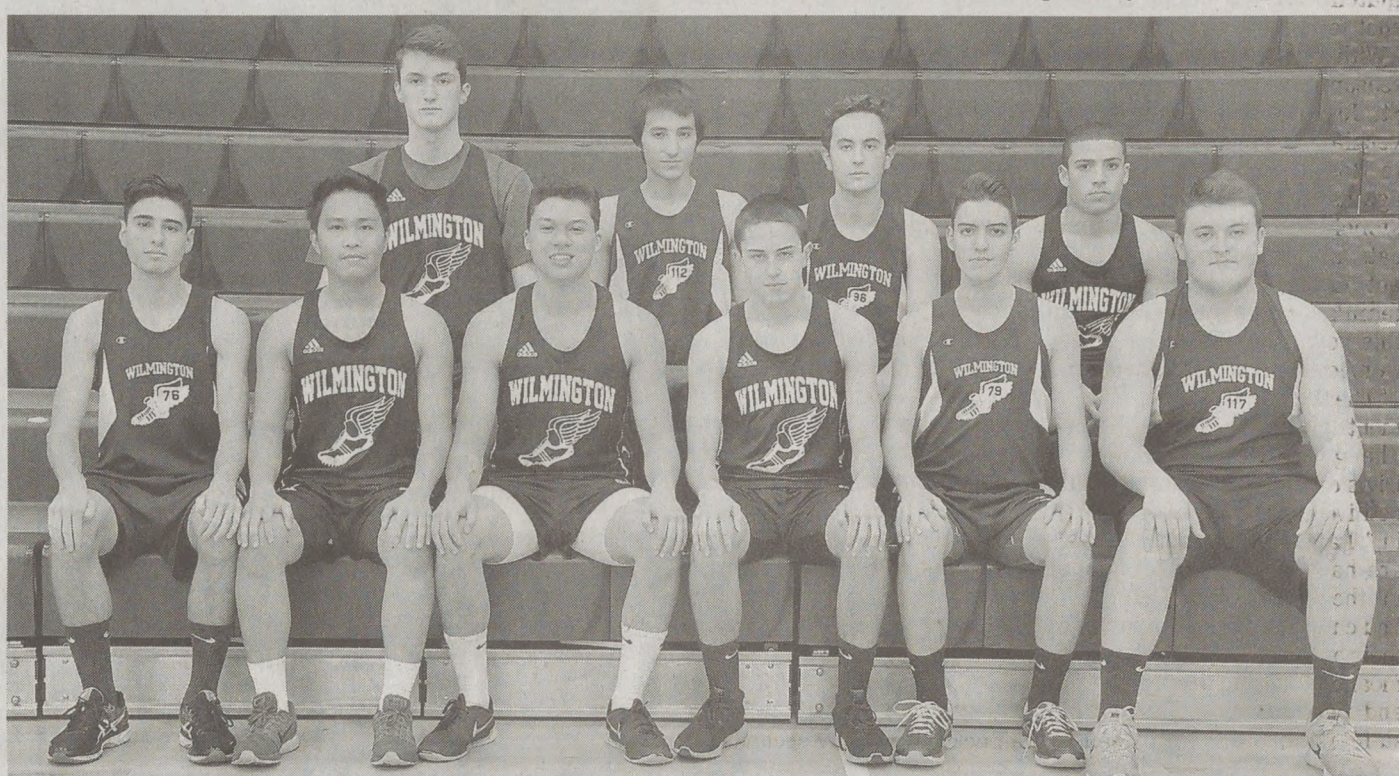
"I am happy for her and the work she has put into the high jump is paying off as well."

LaVita also joined up with Anna Rideout, Katherine McLaughlin and Julianna Patrone to finish 23rd in the 4x200 race with a time of 2:01.50. The 4x800 relay team of Maggie Bourgeois, Lailoo Perriello, Mia O'Connell and Sam Burke combined for a time of 11:14.59, which was good for 17th place.

The final competitor was Amie Russell, who finished 10th in the shot put throwing 32-04.50.

"Overall, it was an awesome day. The girls stepped up when it matters the most and it is everything all of us coaches could have asked for," said Schell.

Turning to the boys team, Wilmington had just one place finisher, senior John Kenney, who was third in the



The senior members of this year's WHS Boys Track team includes: front row from left: Sean Braz, Bryan Saguin, Frankie Melanson, Tom Hogan, Andrew Dawson and James Sheehan and back row from left, Alex Smiljic, Jesse Valente, Ian Proulx and John Kenney.

55-meter dash (6.66) as he accounted for all of Wilmington's six points, finishing 22nd out of 36 teams.

"John ran great," said head coach Mike Kinney. "He missed second by a hundredth of a second. He has been invaluable to us as a team all year. His talent is

tremendous."

Kenney also was part of the 9th place 4x200 relay team along with Mike Fothergill, Sam Vince and Tom Hogan, who had a combined time of 1:36.72.

Vince - who along with Kenney were named Middlesex League All-Stars

- also finished 21st in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.76.

Also competing on the day included Tyler Thomas, who was 11th in the shot put (41-08.50), Brian Elder, who was 16th in the 600 (1:30.16), Ben Packer, who was 16th in the two-mile (10:42.25), Jake

Danieli, who was 18th in the 600 (1:30.50), Sean Braz, who was 20th in the 600 (1:30.90), Kevin Elder, who was 20th in the 1,000 (2:49.12).

Finally, the 4x800 relay team of Brian and Kevin Elder, Danieli and Greg Adamek were 18th at 9:00.22.

Luna crowned Division 4 state champion in the dash

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knees up it almost felt like I was doing high knees down the track. But after my race my legs were filled with lactic acid. I could barely walk. I was just glad that I had finished all my races for the day."

Three final races - four in all - and three place finishes and medals. A first, a second and part of a sixth. Pretty amazing to say the least.

"At the beginning the season, I made a list of all the goals I wanted to achieve

during the season," she said. "(Qualifying for) nationals was my first one and I know All States will be my last chance to qualify for nationals and the competition will be fierce. Breaking the 55-meter record was on my list as well so I'm so happy I can check that off my list."

"And being a state champion was on there as a dream and to say that I've accomplished that is truly unbelievable. My whole mentality was to leave it all on the track. I'm still in shock

about it all."

No matter what happens down the line in the next meet(s), Schell knows that performances like Luna's on Wednesday and coaching state champions doesn't happen often.

"Lexi has earned everything she has done," he said. "She is by far one of the hardest working girls I have worked with. I am ecstatic that she managed to achieve more of her goals set for herself as her dedication and love for the sport contin-

ues to grow."

"One of her main goals all season was to break the school record, and to do it at this big of a stage and win the race is even bigger. She is by far a hard working and dedicated individual willing to make the sacrifices to not just benefit her but the team as well. She has earned this moment and I am extremely happy for her as I know it means a lot to her and now she can be called a champion."

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The WHS Girls Track 4x400 relay team finished sixth at last Wednesday's Division 4 state meet. The group includes from left: Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Julia McLaughlin, Emma Garrity and Alexcia Luna.

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Wildcats Girls Hockey searching for scoring

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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The Wilmington High Girls Hockey team has been playing some great defensive hockey as of late, giving up just one goal in their two games this past week, and only six goals in their last four overall, but unfortunately for the Wildcats, those great efforts have not translated into wins, as they went 0-1-1 this past week after a 1-0 loss to Stoneham last Wednesday, and most recently, a 0-0 tie with Watertown on Saturday.

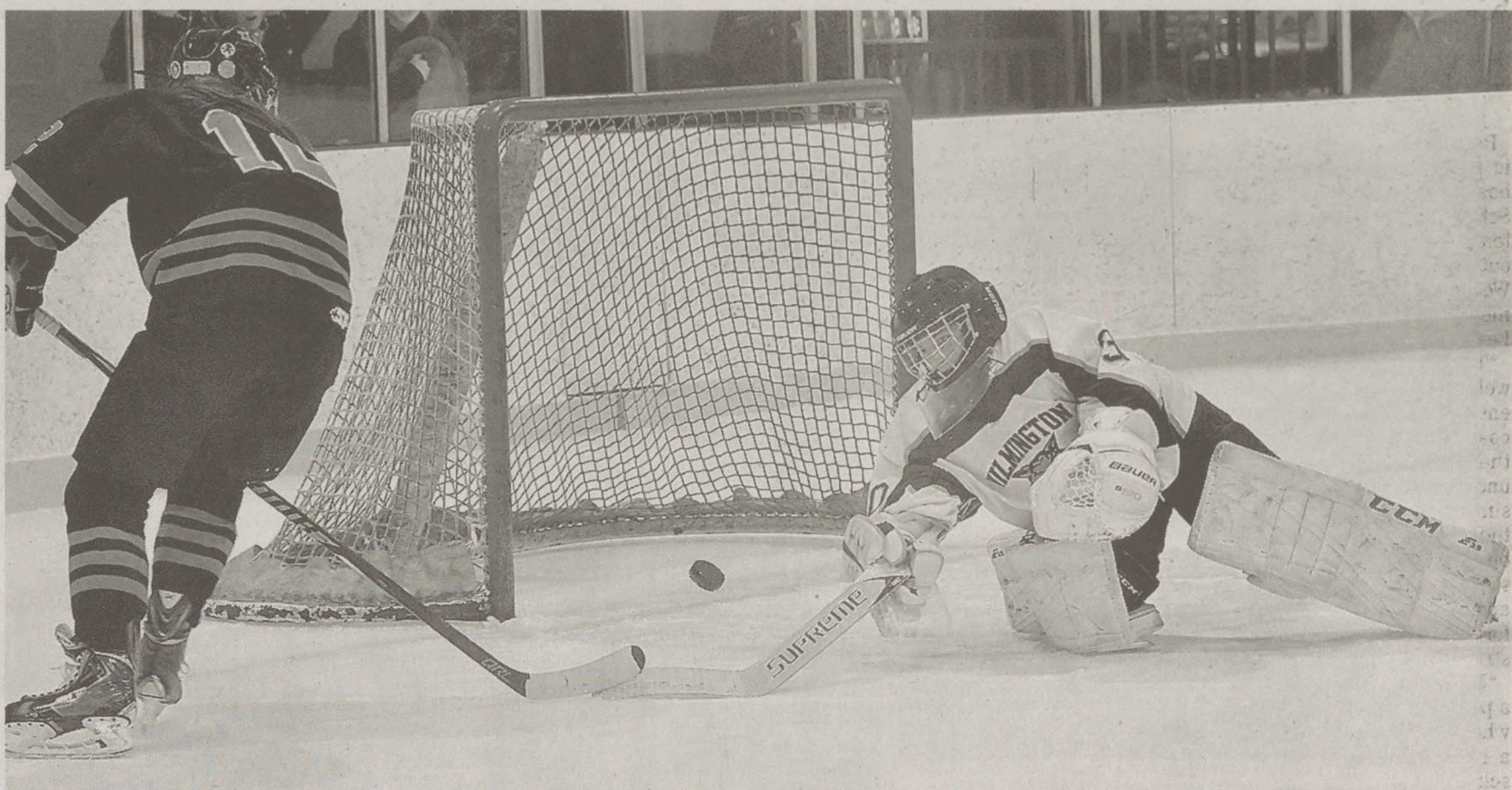
"Our defensive zone play continues to improve, but we continue to struggle to find the back of the net," Wilmington coach John LaPiana said.

That was certainly the case once again for the Wildcats in their tie with Watertown, as despite an outstanding performance in net by Melanie Hayden, who picked up her fourth shutout of the season, they were unable to solve the Watertown netminder.

"We had several quality scoring chances, including several flurries in front of the net, but the Watertown goalie matched our goaltending shot-for-shot," LaPiana said.

With two games left in the season, on Wednesday against St. Joseph's Prep/Mount Alvernia at Warrior Ice Arena in Boston and on Thursday against Bishop Fenwick at Stoneham Arena, the Wildcats are 4-12-2 on the season, but LaPiana says that the team's accomplishments this season go beyond their won/loss record.

"The team's overall improvement has been remarkable. The games in the Freedom Division have been very competitive and fun to be involved in," LaPiana said. "The girls are having fun and believing in their ability to compete. You can see it in their attitude, their preparation and their demeanor on the practice ice and pre-game. The coaching staff is pleased with their



efforts to date despite the win loss record."

Last Wednesday, the Wildcats suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Stoneham at the Stoneham Arena, with Stoneham scoring the only goal of the game in the second period.

"This was another hard fought game that came down to the wire," LaPiana said. "The game was up and down in the first period and the teams split zone time and shots equally."

The Wildcats did have some good scoring chances in the third period, but were unable to get the equalizer.

Melanie Hayden played very well in net for the Wildcats, stopping nearly everything Stoneham threw at her, but it was not enough to get the victory for her team.

"We pulled the goalie with one minute to go and spent the majority of that minute in the offensive zone," LaPiana said. "But Stoneham moved the puck out with 17 seconds

left and got a shot on our empty net that was saved by Jocelyn Palmer.

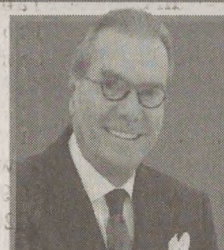
"The team played well in the defensive zone as evidenced by the one goal given up," LaPiana said. "Stoneham's goalie made a lot of key timely saves. It was a great team effort by the 'Cats."

The 2017-'18 WHS Girls Varsity team includes: front row from left: Emily Hayden, Jill Miele, Lauren D'Angelo, Danielle Silva and Hailey Dusa-blom; second row from left: Molly Foley, Lia Kourkoutas, Jocelyn Palmer and Emma Surette; third row from left, Ida Bishop, Payton Fuller, Bridget O'Shea, Melanie Hayden and Gina Bertolami; back row from left: Amanda Mercier, Antonia Brunetto, Zoe DeRose, Maria Hernandez and Kiley Flynn.

Missing from photo: Dianna Riley.

Above, Wilmington's goalie Melanie Hayden makes the save on a Woburn player.

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At left, the senior members of this year's WHS Boys Hockey team includes front row from left: Tommy Robarge, Ryan St Jean, Tom Worob, AJ McKearney, and Mike Ducharme; and back row from left, Bobby Lord, Stephen Bowker, Jarred Aucoin, Joe Mirabella, Dylan Bresnahan and Nate DiMe-co.

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Below, Shawsheen Tech senior forward Matt Irwin chases after a rebound from goalie Conor Melone, while Carsen Purcell tries to get in his way during a recent Rams Hockey game played against Pentucket Regional earlier this season.

(Photo by Bob DeChiara)

Wildcats top Rams to earn tournament bid

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BILLERICA — Needing just one win in their final two games, the Wilmington High Boys Hockey team didn't want to be in a must win situation heading into their season finale this coming Friday night on the road against Wakefield, preferring instead to take care of business against non-league rival Shawsheen Tech at the Hallenborg Pavilion on Monday night.

And take care of business they did, taking a 7-2 win over the Rams to improve to 10-9 on the season and secure a spot in the upcoming Division 2 North Tournament. Shawsheen, meanwhile, dropped to 13-6 on the season, and the CAC champions will await their first round opponent in the Division 3 North Tournament.

"We didn't want to go in on the Sullivan Rule, we wanted to go in on our own merit, so we are excited about the win," Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon said. "We have been a year away from the tournament, so the kids are really excited about getting back into it."

The Wildcats were led by a

hat trick by senior captain and forward Tom Worob, as they scored three goals, two of the shorthanded, in the final 2:02 of the first period to break open what had been a scoreless game and never looked back. Interestingly, the Wildcats had three power plays in the first period, but could not cash in, but they cashed in big time while shorthanded.

"The two shorthanded goals at the end of the period I think kind of put them on their heels," Scanlon said. "I thought we were a little sloppy in the first period, but we were fortunate to come out of it the way we did. I thought it was going to be more like 1-0, but I think we had a little too much depth for them and we were able to smooth things out a little bit in the second period."

Two of the Wildcats late first period goals were actually rather fluky, with the first coming on a wrist shot from the point by Jarred Aucoin, which was accidentally redirected by a Shawsheen defenseman past Shawsheen goalie Bobby Mitza with 2:02 left in the period, and the third one coming on a mis-play behind the Shawsheen net by Mitza that was poun-



ced on by junior forward Dan Woods with 18.6 seconds left for a shorthanded goal.

The Wildcats second goal of the period was anything but fluky, however, as Woods left a perfect drop pass for Worob, who sniped a perfect shot into the top corner with 54.5 seconds left.

"That was the difference in the game," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said of the three goal outburst. "That's what killed us tonight, just like it did on Friday night (in a 5-0 loss to Longmeadow). I think it took the wind out of any sail we had. We had three penalty kills in the per-

iod and were doing a good job, and I was hoping too get to the end of the period off an assist by sophomore Joseph Hill who made a great pass in front to a hard charging McKearney.

"The kids knew what was at stake, and they wanted to get the thing over with, so they didn't let up at all," Scanlon said of his team's two second period goals. If the Rams had any thoughts of a comeback in the third period those thoughts were quickly squelched when Worob got his third goal of the game when he redirected a nice pass from the point by

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Aucoin with 11:36 to go for a 6-1 lead.

Scanlon was happy to see Worob continue his hot play as of late.

"The month of February he has really turned things on," Scanlon said. "He was a little snake bit early in the season, but this month he has done a great job carrying us. He is opportunistic, he is quick and he has a good nose for the net."

The Wildcats extended their lead to 7-1 with 7:49 left on a goal by Brendan George, the first of his varsity career.

'CATS PG SP6W

Shawsheen Tech Roundup

Rams wrestling impresses at Division 1 Meet

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

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NEWTON — As they have done throughout the season, the Shawsheen Tech wrestling team proved to be among the top teams in the state this past weekend, turning in an outstanding performance at the Division 1 State Tournament at Newton South High School.

The Rams score 81.5 points to finish in sixth place overall in the 43-team event, outscoring powerhouse teams like Methuen, Franklin and Mansfield over the course of the two-day tournament. Chelmsford took home the team title with 130 points, while Springfield Central was second with 111.5 points and Putnam was third with 93.5 points.

The Rams did not have any champions on the weekend, but they did have five wrestlers finish in the top six of their weight class, earning spots in this weekend's All-State Meet at St. John's Prep, with two third place finishes, and two fifth place finishes.

"I was very happy with how well we did," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "The kids wrestled very well, and sending five kids to All-States is a great accomplishment."

Junior Omar Eldaly of Wilmington was one of the top performers of the weekend for the Rams, with a second place finish at 220 pounds. Eldaly began the tournament with a win in a time of 5:21 over Adam Brock of Longmeadow in his first match of the day on Friday, followed by a dramatic 6-5 win over Nick Dodge of BC High.

Those two wins propelled Eldaly into the semi-finals on Saturday, where he lost a tough 7-5 decision to Davyn Peterson of Putnam. Undeterred, Eldaly battled back to get a win by pin over Ryan McCartney of Haverhill in 2:48, followed by a 9-4 win over Wondanly Danger in the third place match.

Eldaly has been so outstanding all season, including winning last week's Division 1 North Sectional Tournament, that a third place finish in the state tournament was almost a bit of a disappointment for him.

"It was a little bit of a let-down for him, especially because he lost to a kid (Peterson) he beat two weeks ago," Donovan said. "It was a frustrating experience for him, but he has a great work ethic. I told him the story of Andrew Companschi back in 2012, who lost to a kid from Mansfield at the State Meet



Shawsheen Tech's Jeff Seward, wrestling at 195, takes down a Whittier Tech wrestler.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

who had beaten earlier in the year and he was very disappointed. But he worked hard in practice and came back to win the All-State Meet. Omar has the talent to do the same thing."

Freshman Frank Foti continued his outstanding first season at the varsity level with a third place finish at 106 pounds, going 5-1 on the weekend.

Foti lost early on in the tournament, losing in the second round to KJ Sotomayer of Ludlow, but he rebounded with three wins in a row to advance to the consolation finals where he had a rematch with Sotomayer, this time coming out on top by a score of 8-6.

"That was impressive for him to come back the way he did," Donovan said. "He had

a tough loss, but he didn't get down on himself and he came back to beat the same kid."

Brian Caldwell was 4-1 on his way to his third place finish. He won a major decision over T.J. Romillard of Franklin in his second match by a score of 13-4, to advance to the semi-finals on Saturday where he lost to Cesar Alvan of Ludlow. He bounced back two consecutive victories however, including a 5-3 sudden victory win over Remillard in a rematch in the consolation finals.

"Brian had lost to (Remillard) earlier in the season at the Lowell Holiday Tournament, but we worked on some things and Brian is wrestling great right now," Donovan said. "He is peaking at the right time."

Senior Vincent Foti went 3-2 on the weekend to earn his fifth place finish at 138 pounds, including a 4-3 win over Haverhill's Jake Nicolsi in the fifth place match, while fellow senior Nick Hoar was 4-2 on his way to his fifth place finish at 182 pounds, including a 7-2 win over Gardner Olson of Longmeadow in his fifth place match.

"I think this is our first time having all five kids win their last match, and both Vinny

and Nick deserve a lot of credit for their wins," Donovan said. "Vinny had lost to the Haverhill kid 11-1 earlier in the season, but he did a great job to get the win this weekend. And Nick doesn't have a ton of raw talent, but his work ethic is second to none and it showed in this tournament."

With five wrestlers on their way to the All-State Meet, Donovan is confident that the Rams will once again carry on the proud Shawsheen tradition this weekend.

"I think we can do well," Donovan said. "It is the best of the best, but we are just going to work hard in practice this week to get ready and we will see what happens. Whatever happens, it will not be due to any lack of effort, because the kids want to do well and they want to put in the work to get it done."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Shawsheen Girls Basketball team geared up for the Division 3 State Tournament this past week with a pair of big wins, routing PMA-Methuen by a score of 61-35 last Thursday night at Shawsheen, before pulling

RAMS PG SP7W



Above: Wilmington High's Liz Gordon battles for a rebound with support coming from Morgan Bresnahan during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Girls Basketball

Girls lose to St. Mary's in finals, prepare for D2 tournament

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

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The Wilmington High Girls Basketball team lost a heartbreaker to host St. Mary's in the finals of the St. Mary's Tournament on Monday night, dropping a 49-47 decision to a St. Mary's squad that was ranked 19th in the entire state in the latest poll.

The Wildcats were led by 23 points from senior Caroline Andersen, while Kylie DuCharme had ten rebounds.

While the Wildcats were unable to get the victory, Wilmington coach Jessica Robinson was very happy with their effort and is hoping it is something they can

build on as they prepare for the state tournament.

"I'm really happy with the defensive effort we had tonight," Robinson said. "We made a few too many turn overs against St. Mary's full court pressure, but overall, this was a great game against one of the best Division 3 teams in the state to help get us ready for a tough Division 2 tourney."

The Wildcats played very well in the tournament opener on Sunday night, picking up a hard fought 56-48 win over Amesbury.

The Wildcats were led by Andersen's 20 points and ten rebounds, while sophomore Jenna Tavanese had 14 points and Liz Gordon had a

fine all-around game with nine points and five assists.

Prior to the tournament, the Wildcats had routed Woburn last Thursday night by a score of 49-20 in a game where Robinson felt the entire squad contributed to the victory, particularly the team's seven seniors. The win improved the Wildcats record on the season to 12-6 at the time.

Those seven seniors were honored in a pregame ceremony, with Caroline Andersen, Morgan Bresnahan, Liz Gordon, Dana Goulet, Bella Granara, Fariha Haque and Jill Roche all being recognized for their dedication and contributions to the basketball program.

Below left: On February 12th, members of the Wilmington Sixth Grade Travel Basketball team attended a WHS Varsity Game and joined in for a fun team picture afterwards. The two teams include: Front row (Wilmington Youth 6th Grade Travel Team) left to right: Emily Doherty, Shaylan Bresnahan, Lyndsay Anthony, Gabby Kulevich, Elsa Richards, Tricia Stevens, Jaelyn Walsh, Ali Doherty, Molly MacDonald, and Julia Archer. Not pictured is Keira Rice. Back row from left: (WHS players) Bella Granara, Alyssa Morrison, Cassidy Collins, Jill Roche, Kylie DuCharme, Morgan Bresnahan, Gabby Bond, Jenna Tavanese, Liz Gordon, Dana Goulet, Fariha Haque, Caroline Andersen. Not pictured Gina Mastroilli. (Courtesy photo).





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TOWN OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the following work in the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018**, where and when they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

**Construction of
Pickleball Courts at
Wilmington Town Hall**

Bid specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887 or by emailing wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov or at the Town's website: http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/Pages/WilmingtonMA_purchasing/index

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File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on Pickleball Courts to be opened at **10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2018.**"

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time. Any bid received after the time and date specified will be rejected.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended.

Bidders are hereby notified that the work covered by this contract is governed by M.G.L. c149 Section 26-27H and in accordance therewith bidders must pay prevailing wages as established by the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development/Division of Occupational Safety.

The bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the total bid.

This may be cash, certified check or bid bond, payable to the Town of Wilmington.

The winning bidder shall supply a payment bond (returnable) in the amount of 50% of the total bid.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Jeffrey M. Hull,
Town Manager
180213 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to VW Credit Leasing Ltd. of 1401 Franklin Blvd. in Libertyville, Ill., who is the last registered owner of a 2015 VW Jetta Vin # 3VW267AJXGM293336 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 16, 2018 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
180215 2/21,28, 3/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Amine Badami of 82 Cross St. in Methuen, Ma., who is the last registered owner of a Taotao Moped Vin # L9NTEACB4G1002793 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 16, 2018 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
180216 2/21,28, 3/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

DOCKET NO.
MI01P2715

NOTICE

In Re: Guardianship of
David Climo

To all persons interested in the Guardianship of incapacitated person, David Climo of Tewksbury, in the County of Middlesex. A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying for the authority to reinstate rogers authority to treat the respondent with anti-psychotic medication(s) in accordance with the treatment plan.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY TRIAL COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 a.m.) on March 5th, 2018.

WITNESS, Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge Massachusetts, this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of
Probate Court
180223 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 by the Board of Selectmen for the New Officer/Director, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock and Change in Manager of the All Alcohol License of Pacific Sunshine, Inc. DBA Pacific Grove, 217 aka 211E Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA.

Michael L. Champoux,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
180176 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 8-18
Carol Foley
Map 15 Parcel 18

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with §6.6.7.7 Ground Water Protection District for property located on 105 Chestnut Street.

180214 2/21,28/18

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO EXPAND
THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No.
MI06P4591G11

In the Interests of:
Maureen Cervera
of Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other inter-

ested persons, a petition has been filed by Audrey S Boulanger of Tyngsboro, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/08/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action

may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 08, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
180222 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO EXPAND
THE POWERS
OF A CONSERVATOR

Docket No.
MI14P1165PM

In the Interests of:
Maureen Cervera
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other inter-

ested persons, a petition has been filed by Audrey S Boulanger of Tyngsboro, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Conservator of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 08, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
180221 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of the
401 Water Quality
Certification Request

Pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) 401 Water Quality Certification and 314 CMR 9.00, a public notice is posted in the Tewksbury Town Crier.

The Applicant, New England Power Company/Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid has filed a Water Quality Certification with the MA DEP seeking approval to construct the new Old Boston Road #20 Substation on the property of the existing Tewksbury #22 Substation at 257 Old Boston Road in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The proposed work also includes the

construction of the new substation yard, installation of two new transmission taps, reconfiguring existing distribution lines, installation of new underground duct system (along Main Street (Route 38), Old Boston Road, and Power Company Road), and retirement of the existing Tewksbury #14 Substation (located at 910 Main Street).

The comment period for this application will begin 02/22/2018 and end 03/15/2018, lasting for 21 days. Any written comments should be sent to the MA DEP Northeast Regional Office at 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. The office can be reached by calling (978) 694-3200 with questions or requests to view the application. Any ten persons of the Com-

monwealth, an aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing (314 CMR 9.05(3)(g)).

Copies of the Water Quality Application may be obtained by calling Timothy Sullivan (Senior Project Manager, VHB) at (617) 607-2756. You may be charged for a copy of the NOI. Any written comments or questions can be sent to Timothy Sullivan at 101 Walnut Street, P.O. Box 9151, Watertown, Massachusetts 02471.
180227 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF HEALTH

MINIMUM STANDARDS
FOR THE KEEPING
OF ANIMALS

On February 15, 2018 at the Tewksbury Board of Health's (Board) regular scheduled meeting, the Board adopted a minor revision to the Keeping of Animals Regulations.

These regulations are adopted under the authority of MGL Chapter 111 Sections 31 and other applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws. This minor revision was to section 5.3.5 on page 6. The revision shall become effective on February 15, 2018.

Complete copies of these regulations are available at the Tewksbury Health Department office 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, during normal business hours.

Raymond Barry,
Chairman
180220 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 CAMBRIDGE
STREET
EAST CAMBRIDGE,
MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No.
MI18P0244EA

Estate of:
Rose M. Brown
Also Known As:
Rose Marie Brown
Date of Death:
December 10, 2017

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Christine M. Dushanek of Shirley MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Christine M. Dushanek of Shirley MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
180205 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
MIDDLESEX PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street,
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR TERMINATION OF
A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED
PERSON

Docket No.
MI08P0344G11

In the Interests of:
Lisa Comosso
(AKA Lisa Howland)
Of: Gloucester, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting

that the court: Terminate the Guardianship

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/28/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further

notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 31, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
180204 2/21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18 SM 000427

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Brian C. Schofield AKA
Brian Schofield;
Stephanie Teixeira
AKA Stephanie A. Teixeira

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Tewksbury, numbered 91 Emily Road, given by Brian C. Schofield and Stephanie Teixeira to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Summit Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated August 20, 2004, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17760, Page 190, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement, dated November 8, 2011, and recorded in said Registry in Book 25530, Page 214, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 19, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on January 31, 2018

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
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Rams girls hoop headed for D3 tourney

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out a hard fought 49-41 win over Notre Dame Academy on Sunday in another home game.

In the rout over PMA, the Lady Rams were led by an outstanding individual performance by junior Shannon Fitzgerald, who had a career high 25 points to go along with 11 steals and six assists.

Freshman Susanna Gillis also continued her fine season with 11 points for Shawshen.

Things were a little more difficult for the Lady Rams on Sunday against a talented Notre Dame squad, which brought a 15-4 record into the contest, but in the end the end they were able to once again secure the victory led by junior Alex DePerri's game high 14 points in her first game back after missing time due to a broken nose.

Junior Brooke Johnson also had a strong game for the Lady Rams, with ten rebounds.

Shawshen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss was obviously happy to see her team pick up a pair of wins, but was even happier to see them do it despite having to overcome some obstacles.

"We came out of every game last week except Notre Dame with injuries so it really was a rough week," Sueltenfuss said. "Luckily there was no concussion for Alex's broken nose so she was back for Sunday's game and Brooke Johnson's sprained ankle against PMA did not hold her back. So, we pulled off these wins with some things to overcome. With that being said I am happy we made it through the week and did not lose any games."

The Lady Rams looked particularly sharp in the win over PMA, with Fitzgerald standing out among several fine performances for Shawshen. It was the second game in a row where Fitzgerald has looked like she has regained her form after battling back from an off season injury.

"This game was old Shannon. She was not worried about proving anything and just went out and let loose and was able to be on the court almost the whole game when we were shorthanded guards," Sueltenfuss said. "Her shot looked great but even more so, her fast breaks and her ability to catch one of their players on a fast break was great."

The PMA game was also Senior Night at Shawshen and the team's four players and two senior managers were honored in a ceremony prior to the game. The Shawshen senior players are Rhannon Bent, Miranda Quinlan, Kaitlyn Conway and captain Ashlyn Troisi.

"Rhannon is a forward that works hard and taught us her sophomore year when we cut her how much the coaches and team needed her and within 24 hours we chased her down and begged her to come back. It was the best decision I made as a coach," Sueltenfuss said. "Miranda is another huge asset to us for how hard she works and it makes the team better. She has had a rough season with sickness but always there with a smile. Kaitlyn has had a tough four years with an injury each year that gets in her way and this year she was at a point I was using her early for the forwards and on Tuesday she went down with a concussion. We started her for the jump but her head was still so sore I wish we had a do-over to make this night more for her."

"Lastly, our captain Ashlyn has played huge roles the last two years and at the end of lacrosse last year had a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis," Sueltenfuss continued. "This kid is an inspiration to me. She never gives in to it and she never complains to me. Sunday against NDA she took some hard falls to the ground and when I feared two players fouling out with under three minutes left, in utter pain she told me she would go if needed. She gives me more than I deserve!"

The two Shawshen managers are Nick Gird and Matt

Troisi.

"Nick has joined us this year as a manager and has been great for his knowledge and love of basketball," Sueltenfuss said. "Matt has been my right hand man for these first four years as head coach. He has great organizational skills that have kept me in line."

The win over a quality Division 3 program like Notre Dame should provide a lift for the Lady Rams as they head to the post season, and Sueltenfuss was happy with the way her team stepped up once again in this one.

"We had horrible officials for this game. I am not usually one to complain because I was always taught by my dad you cannot change who you have for refs so you make do," Sueltenfuss said. "But there were six fouled out players in the game with calls going one way the first half and another the second."

We also were down Sam Moriconi who was being watched for mono so we had hurdles. The composure of our team down the stretch was truly why I coach. The team tuned out the fans and the other team pestering them and we came out with the victory. It was wild at times in there."

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Shawshen Tech boys had a big win over Greater Lawrence last Friday night. Despite falling behind by 16 at the half and trailing by 19 in the 3rd, the Rams battled back and defeated the Reggies 60-53. After being down 33-17 going into the second half, the Rams caught fire. Senior forward Sam Baker led the charge with 18 points and 10 rebounds with 13 of his points coming in the fourth quarter. Junior Mark Giordano had 10 points and

seven rebounds and Brandon Bicknell contributed with nine points to the Rams winning effort. "This was a great example of what this team is capable of when they play together and play with a lot of energy," said head coach Greg Bendel. "I was really proud of the way our guys battled back and never gave up. I was really happy for our kids to get this win, they really deserved this one."

The Rams lost to Matignon (14-4) on Monday night 59-39. On Senior Night, four seniors played well for Shawshen. Brendan Studley led the way with 12 points and five rebounds. Also shining were Brandon Bicknell with five points and two rebounds, Jack DeCoursey with four points and three rebounds, and Sam Baker with five points and five rebounds.

The Rams are now 7-12 and



Shawshen Tech's Susanna Gillis dribbles the ball while teammate Ashlyn Troisi looks on during an earlier season Varsity Girls Basketball game.

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were set to travel to Austin Prep on Wednesday at 6:30pm. Results of the game were not available at press time.

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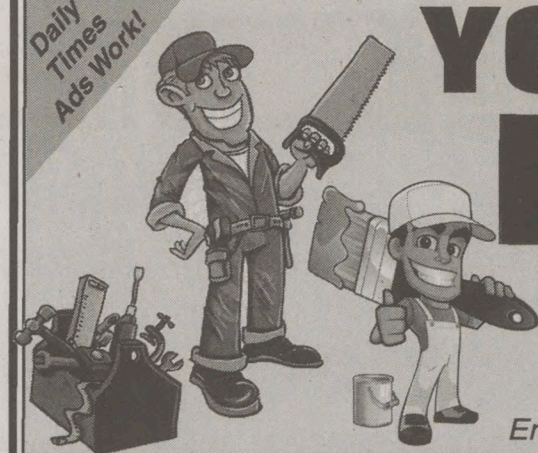
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Wildcats wrap up successful season at Division 3 Tournament

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WAKEFIELD — The Wilmington High Wrestling team wrapped up their season this past weekend at the Division 3 State Tournament at Wakefield High School with four wrestlers competing against some of the top competition in the entire state. The four Wildcat entrants in the tournament had earned their spots by finishing in the top four of their weight class at the previous week's Division 3 North Sectional Tournament.

Senior Brendan Ross at 195 pounds and freshman Shane Penney at 106 pounds each won one match for the Wildcats before being eliminated, while freshman Joe Ganley (120 pounds) and senior Mike DeLucia each went 0-2 despite wrestling very well against some tough competition.

"It was a good tournament for us. The kids worked hard," Wilmington coach Joel McKenna said. "This is the time of year when there are no easy matches. It was the first state tournament for all of these kids and they had all exceeded expectations by getting there, so they were playing with house money. Each of them went out there and wrestled to the best of their ability. That was the best part of the weekend."

Ross wrapped up what has been an outstanding senior season for him by going 1-2 over the two day tournament. While he is a senior, this is Ross's first year with the wrestling team, and he exceeded all expectations with a second place finish in last week's sectional tournament. Ross suffered a 6-2 loss to Kobe Clifford of Hampshire in his first match on Friday, but he bounced back nicely to pick up an 8-3 win over Joe Donoghue of Cohasset in his first consolation match, before being eliminated by Eli Wilson of Nauset Regional in his first match of the day on Friday.



The 2017-18 WHS Wrestling team includes: front row from left: John Cox, Mike DeLucia, Paxton Cook, Patrick Carroll and Brendan Ross; second row from left: Cam Kenyon, Ryan Martin, Jacob Bernard, Sukethram, Shane Penney and Alex Stearns; third row from left: Ethan Karnesky, Nick Kullman, Ryan Murphy and Joe Ganley; back row, team managers from left, Kylie Paolilo, Madison McCarthy, Gillian Lentini, Leah Paolilo and Elise Lentini.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

"It was fantastic to see him do so well," McKenna said. "His lack of experience came back to haunt him a little in the first match, but he got after it in his second match. He listened to his coaches, followed the game plan, and made some adjustments to come away with the win. It was awesome."

Penney also went 1-2 over the two day tournament, wrapping up what has been a sensational freshman season. After earning a third place finish in last week's sectional tournament, the first state tournament match of his young career ended in another win, as he defeated Caleb Pollard of Monument Mountain in a time of 1:26. Penney dropped his next match to Tommy Kelleher of

Bristol Plymouth/Coyle Cassidy. Kelleher would go on to finish third in the tournament.

Penney would then lose a heartbreaker in his first match of the day on Saturday, getting pinned by Athol's Jon Mahony in a time of 5:24, despite leading 10-6 at the time of the pin.

"Shane was giving up a little size in his first match, but he wrestled to the game plan and got a win in his first state tournament match, which is a great accomplishment," McKenna said. "Against the Athol kid, it looked like he had a pin at one point, but a little lack of technique, which will gain with experience, let his opponent get out of it. Shane then kind of ran out of gas. He has been really sick,

and not able to practice and it kind of caught up with him. I would have liked to have seen what happened if he was one hundred percent."

Ganley, who had finished fourth at last week's sectional tournament had the misfortune to run up against top ranked Christian Rivas of Sabis in his first match of the day on Friday, dropping a 20-5 technical fall, although he stuck with Rivas for much of the match, trailing only 10-4 at the end of the second period.

"He got a tough draw in the first round, in his first ever state tournament match, with the kid who ended up winning the championship, but he battled him hard," McKenna said. "That kid pinned everybody else before

the finals, so Joe did a good job with him. I had a lot of coaches come up to me after saying how a lesser kid would have given up and gotten pinned, but that's not Joe. He is smart, coachable and he listens."

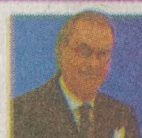
DeLucia lost a tough match in overtime to Isaiah Hartman-Caesar of Taconic in his first match before being forced to forfeit his next match due to a knee injury he suffered in that first round match.

"His body went one way and his knee went the other, but in his typical fashion, he battled back and finished the match on one knee. He could barely walk," McKenna said. "That is the type of young man he is. He is a warrior, and he left it all out there."

He has nothing to hang his head about."

Overall for McKenna and the Wildcats, the state tournament proved to be another learning experience in what has been a season of learning experiences for a young team. McKenna is hoping his team can take the lessons learned from this season and carry them into the off season and into next year.

"This is something they can use as a springboard to the off season, and use as motivation to work hard to get better in the off season," McKenna said. "So many of the kids, whether they qualified for the state tournament or not, did so well this year. Now, the goal is to keep pushing, and keep getting better in the off season."



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